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Riddle Of Italian Sabre-Rattling HARBINGER OF BALKANS MOVE?

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ROME, TO-DAY.

THE BATTLE IN SCANDINAVIA HAS STRONGLY IMPRESSED PUBLIC OPINION HERE, ESPECIALLY OF THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET.

Popular belief is that the German position would be considerably strengthened should the Allies let the Germans consolidate themselves in Norway.

German consolidation in Norway would encourage the Italian expansionists, and any Italian initiative in the Mediterranean like the occupation of Greek islands in the Aegean Sea or the closing of the Bay of Otranto.

GERMANS MASS ARMY IN DENMARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Competent Belgian quarters are of opinion that the German troops which have been massing in Denmark are to be used in an expedition against Sweden.

They add that the German High Command is carefully elaborating the plan since Sweden's determination to oppose a Nazi attack is undoubted, while the fighting capacity and modern equipment of the Swedish army is generally acknowledged. — Havas.

A False Alarm

Paris, To-day.

Reliable Scandinavian sources assert that the Swedish authorities were expecting a Nazi coup during the night of April 11-12.

The police were informed that various Nazi-like Swedish organisations were acting suspiciously, and took counter-measures. — Havas.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD IN OSLO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The lack of foodstuffs is being strongly felt in Oslo and neighbouring towns occupied by the Germans. The German Command has ordered

Foreign opinion is that such moves have already been prepared but the Italian Government is not likely to undertake anything as long as the outcome of the Scandinavian war is not clear.

Meanwhile, a warning that Italy may be compelled to enter the war was given by the official radio speaker during the course of the usual Sunday programme reserved for the Army.

Asserting that Italy cannot be taken by surprise, like Norway, the speaker stated: "It would be false to entertain the belief that Italy can permanently remain aloof from the present conflict, especially since last week's events clearly showed that no country can actually remain isolated." — Havas.

Paris Speculation

A Paris message says that Italy's sabre-rattling has attracted wide attention, with much speculation as to its meaning.

Observers think that it may herald the implementation of the military alliance with Italy, with special reference to the Balkans.

Britain's latest naval stroke, mining of the Baltic, together with Sweden's state of preparedness, is thought to be highly discouraging to an attempted invasion of Sweden, while forcing Hitler's hand and compelling him to further desperate land action to cover the loss of important iron ore supplies from Sweden.

Question is whether he will strike through the Low Countries or the Balkans, and while views are mixed, majority opinion is that the blow will fall in South-East Europe. — Havas.

the Quisling puppet government to repress all attempt to profiteer. — Havas.

TURNING POINT IN FEW DAYS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Opinion prevailing here is that the coming week will mark the turning point in Scandinavia in favour of the Allies.

The main Allied objective is to prevent any German attempt to invade Sweden from Narvik in order to obtain the famous Swedish iron mines, while any attempt at a German invasion into Sweden from the south has practically been foiled by the new minefields in the Baltic which completed the network intended to cut off communications with Germany.

Finally, Sweden's military preparations are now practically completed and any German expedition would be far most costly than against Denmark and Norway.

SOVIET AND NAZIS

Summing up, military and political

TWO NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lille, To-day.

Two German planes were destroyed by French anti-aircraft fire yesterday.

One of the occupants jumped but when his parachute reached the ground he was found to be dead. The pilot was wounded and taken prisoner.

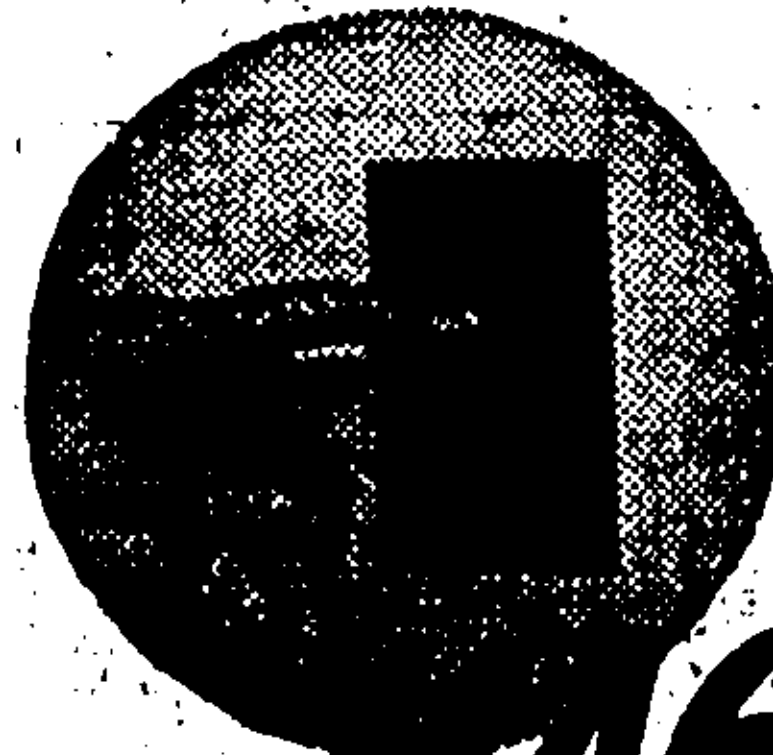
The second German plane fell in flames, all four occupants perishing. — Havas.

observers are of opinion that Russia's support in favour of Germany is growing more unlikely every day.

Firstly, Russia herself would suffer by extension of German influence in Scandinavia, and, Secondly, any Soviet action in Northern Europe would immediately provoke Allied action in the Balkans and south-eastern Europe. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East winds, moderate; cloudy generally.

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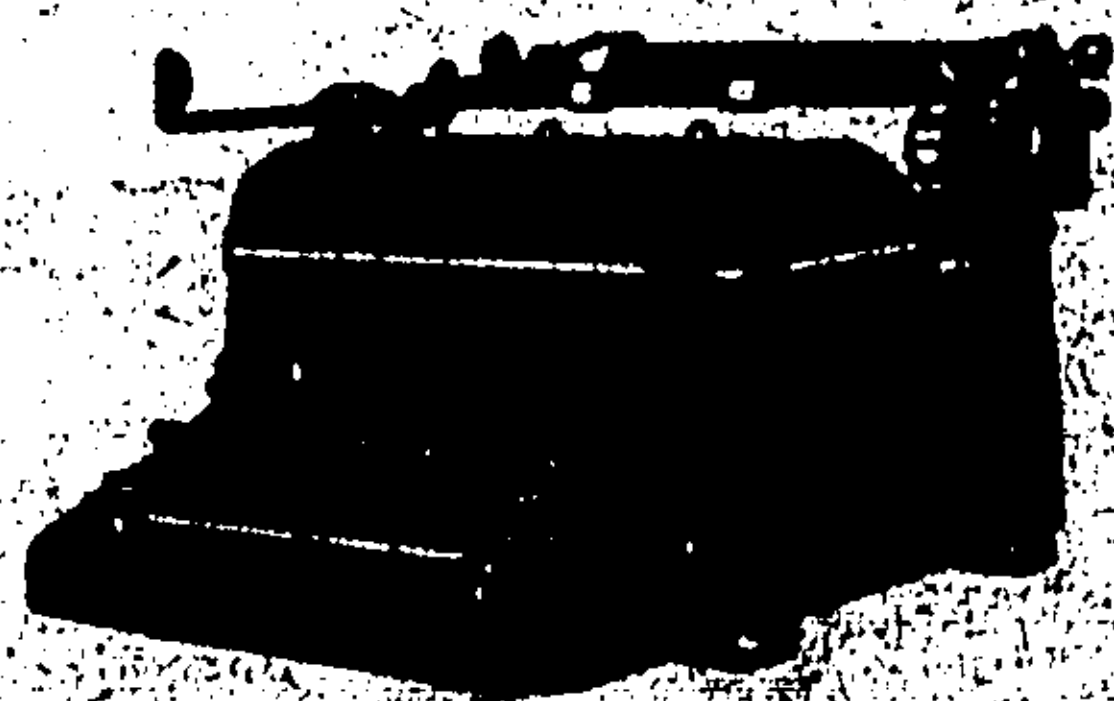
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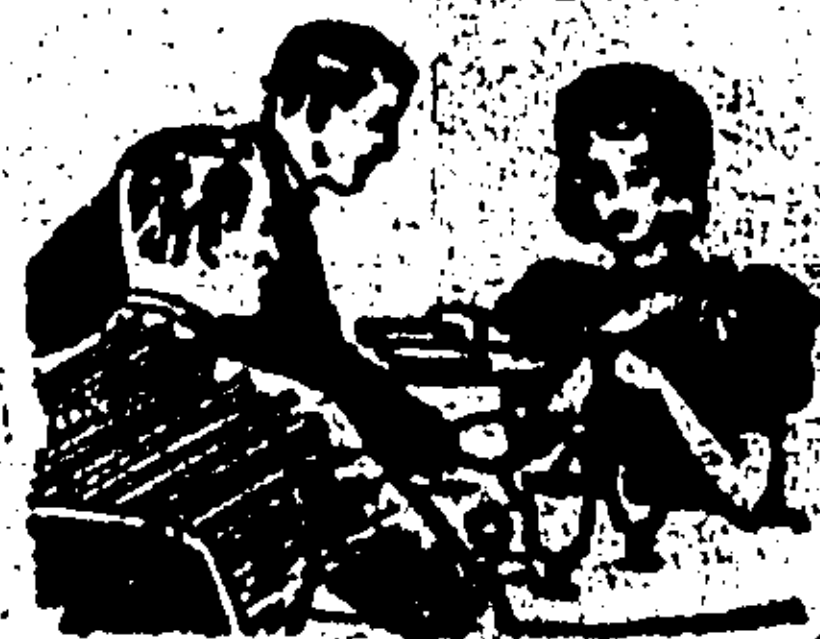
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FRANCE THRILLED BY NARVIK EXPLOIT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

ALL FRANCE IS THRILLED AND OVERJOYED AT THE NEWS OF THE BRILLIANT ACTION OF THE BRITISH FLEET AT NARVIK WHICH IS SPLASHED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF ALL THE PARIS NEWSPAPERS.

"Nelson must be chuckling in his grave," was the comment of the man in the street, while typical comment in official quarters, was: "In a few hours the British Fleet has shattered a bag full of Goebbels slogans."

A semi-official statement emphasises the strategic importance of Britain's action in the North Sea and the Baltic. It says the attempt of the Reich to occupy Norwegian ports has proved to be a very great error, and nothing now prevents the Allies from doing as they like whenever they want to in the North Sea.

The British Admiralty has proved that Hitler's traditional surprise attack is only a bluff from the moment he meets his first resistance. — Reuter.

Turning Point Of The Naval Battle

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The naval authorities deem the sinking of seven German destroyers in Narvik Fjord as a remarkable feat and the turning point of the naval battle off Norway.

The loss represents over one-quarter of the total number of German destroyers.

According to Jane's Fighting Ships, Germany possessed 30 destroyers last year, most of them recently built. Since the commencement of the battle off Norway, Germany has lost ten destroyers.

The general opinion is that the Allies are now masters of the waters around Narvik which will facilitate the landing of Allied troops on the Norwegian coast. — Havas.

M. Reynaud Cables Congratulations

Paris, To-day.

On the occasion of the Narvik operations, the Premier, M. Reynaud, has sent the following telegram to Mr. Neville Chamberlain:—

"The French nation shares British feelings of admiration and gratitude for the Royal Navy which has just added a page of glory to its record and inflicted on the enemy a wound

which will never heal."

Military circles describe the Narvik operations as a very severe blow to Germany and Hitler himself. At least one-third of the German navy is now said to have been destroyed.

It is believed here that the Germans have not more than 35,000 troops in Norway. They are mainly concentrated around Oslo and are operating in three directions. — Reuter.

URUGUAY AND ALLIES

MONTEVIDEO, YESTERDAY.

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING "FERVENT ADMIRATION AND CLOSE SOLIDARITY" FOR THE ALLIES HAS BEEN PUBLISHED HERE BY PROFESSORS OF UNIVERSITIES IN URUGUAY.

The resolution, after stating that the highest values of culture are threatened with death by the outburst of violence, adds: "We place ourselves at the side of France and England, who fulfil their treaties in the name of moral principles and who assure the independence of states, and do not hesitate to take up arms against the aggressor." — Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOP TRAIN BLOWN UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

According to belated reports Chinese sabotage units blew up a Japanese troop train near Sahsian, on the Peiping-Suiyuan railway, on April 2.

Important war material was destroyed and over 100 Japanese troops killed. — Havas.

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KWANGTUNG ARMY WINS \$190,000 ACTION

In the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, the Fourth Route Army of China, now known as the 12th Group Army, obtained judgment with costs in an action against Henri Krebs for return of \$190,000 in respect of a contract for the purchase of 10,000 gas masks.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. S. N. Quinn, was for plaintiff, and defendant, not represented, was absent.

Mr. Potter said the claim was in connection with a gas mask contract which had not been filled. The sum of \$190,000 had been paid by the Chinese Army against the Contract to a certain bank.

The defence admitted the claim but denied that the Fourth Route army was a department of the Chinese Government and had no right to sue.

Mr. J. Watson, first clerk at the Colonial secretariat, produced documents from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the British Embassy in Chungking, on the status of the Fourth Route Army.

Colonel S. T. Wong said the Fourth Route army was established in August, 1936. He produced four documents from the Chungking Government appointing General Yui Hon-mau commander in chief of the fourth route army and ordering him to re-organise it and another appointing him commander-in-chief of the new 12th Group Army.

There were many departments, covering the whole of Kwangtung.

Mr. T. F. Lo, a barrister, qualified in Chinese law, said the Fourth Route Army was the highest military organ functioning in Kwangtung before the fall of Canton. As a department of the Chinese Government, it was entitled to take any civil action.

NAZI NAVAL CLAIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Germans now claim to have hit a British aircraft carrier and a heavy cruiser.

The attack, according to an official Nazi communique, was carried out in the North Sea 120 miles north-west of Trondheim.

One bomb, they say, made a direct hit on the carrier and two on a heavier cruiser.

The aircraft carrier, reported the Nazi airmen, was unmanoeuvrable and caught fire, sending up a lot of smoke, while the cruiser listed badly and remained stationary after the attack.—Havas.

EGYPTIAN DEFENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

The Council of Ministers have decided to submit a Bill providing for £1,500,000 supplementary national defence credits.—Havas.

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KING HAAKON HAS NARROW ESCAPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

"It was a miracle the King was not hit by four bombs which exploded nearby, compelling him to throw himself flat on the ground," declared the Norwegian Minister of Justice to the correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet."

The Minister, who has accompanied King Haakon since his departure from Oslo, added that the Norwegian monarch was also exposed to machinegun fire.—Havas.

MAN FOUND WITH FOUR GRENADES

A man who threatened to blow up a store if he was not given the money he demanded on Saturday, was before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with robbery, and possession of arms.

Hung Kau, 26, was alleged to have entered the Hoi Cheung Eating House at Water Street and demanded money. He threatened to blow up the store with a hand grenade. He was armed with a bayonet. The store keeper, Hiu Sai-hoi, gave him \$8 and he left.

He was later arrested in Centre Street with four hand grenades and the bayonet in his possession.

Defendant was remanded for further enquiries. Det. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

DUKE WANTED TO HUNT MINE

The Duke of Kent had a disappointment recently—he was to have gone magnetic mine hunting, but conditions made the trip impracticable.

When the naval authorities in charge of an East Coast port were told that the Duke was to visit them and inspect the small craft that work out of the port under naval orders, they received also a quiet hint that he wanted to see "the real thing."

"All right," replied the senior naval officer of the port. "Would his Royal Highness like to go magnetic mine hunting?"

Promptly the suggestion was approved, and a small super-speed boat of the R.A.F. lying ready to take the Duke out to join minesweepers searching a spot where a magnetic mine is believed to be floating.

SAW MINE HANDLED

But conditions proved impracticable. Reluctantly the Duke had to forgo the experience.

Instead, he watched a party demonstrating how they handle mines. They worked before him on an actual German mine of the non-magnetic variety.

"A really worth-while visit," commented the Duke as he drove from the port.

But he cast a last regretful glance at the small R.A.F. speed-boat, still lying idly by the quayside.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

Some of the 22 persons injured during the air raid in Sha Ng Chung and admitted to Kowloon Hospital on Saturday are in a serious condition.

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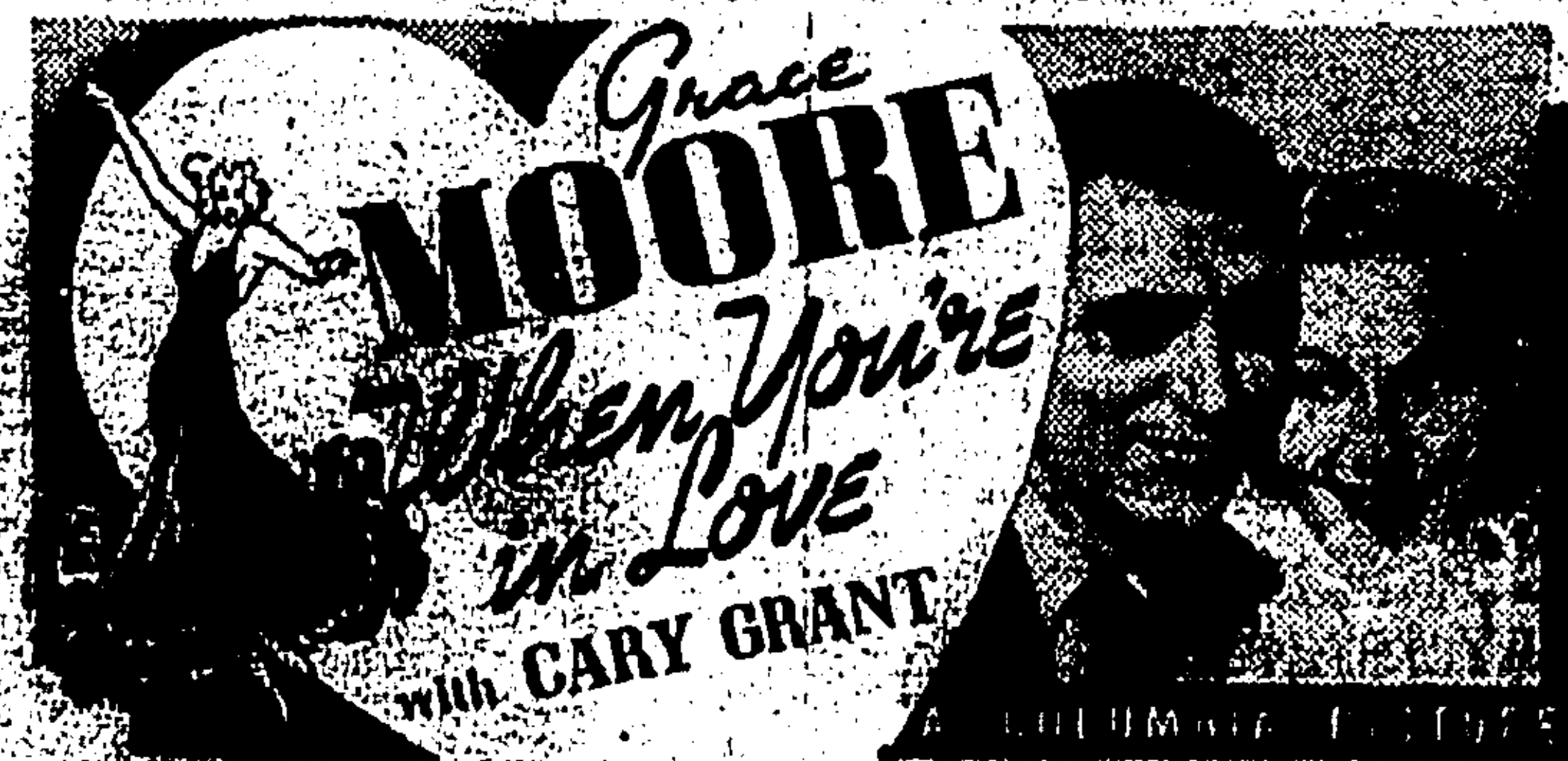
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DUTCH UNEASINESS

Nazis Play Up U.S. Press Rumours

TROOPS PATROL STREETS AFTER DARK

Amsterdam, To-day.

DUTCH UNEASINESS WAS intensified over the week-end by the sensational emphasis laid by the Nazi press on American newspaper suggestions that British troops might be en route to Holland.

Another reason for nervousness was a German news agency message accusing the Dutch press of lying about the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Arendskerker.

Troops with fixed bayonets and machineguns are patrolling the streets of The Hague and other Dutch cities after dark.

A notice has appeared in the frontier districts warning the population to stay home after 8 p.m. and that their telephones would be cut off at night and their roads blocked. The Narvik battle has made a deep impression on the Dutch people, who had begun to feel the Allies might wait too long before acting in Scandinavia.

The news was prominently published in the newspapers.—Reuter.

No Illusions in Netherlands

London, To-day.

"Few people can have any illusions about where the real danger to Holland lies," state authoritative circles here replying to fresh German allegations that the Allies planned to violate Holland's neutrality, based on reports by columnists in American evening newspapers suggesting the possibility of a British landing on the Dutch coast.

It is added: "These German stories are pure inventions of the most absurd character which will not be believed anywhere outside the Reich." — Reuter.

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AIR BATTLE NEAR DUTCH FRONTIER

London, To-day.

The British bomber shot down on the Dutch border was one of two. Air Force bombers which engaged in a fierce battle with three German fighters near the Dutch frontier.

One bomber got away and the Nazi fighters concentrated on the other which was finally shot down and immediately burst into flames, which were so fierce it was impossible to rescue the occupants. — Reuter.

RUMANIANS ON WATCH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

The authorities have decided to strengthen the police watch over all Danubian harbours and oilfields.

As a defence measure the Rumanian Oil Bureau has requested companies to put aside reserve stocks of fuel equivalent to 15 days' production.—Havas.

BRITISH SOBERNESS

London, To-day.

The Dutch newspaper "Volk," commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech, says: "It is the British soberness which appeals to us Netherlands and arouses confidence," and adds it agrees with Mr. Churchill's conviction that Hitler has committed a strategic error in Norway.

The "Handelsblad" says: "It looks as if the growing resistance of Norway might lead to a danger of the Germans being cut off." — Reuter.

ICELAND'S FUTURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, Yesterday.

The Allied Governments are closely considering the position of Iceland, which has broken away from Denmark.

Consultations are due to start between London and Reykjavik, the Icelandic capital, aiming at assuring the island's protection against possible German aggression.

The United States may also take part in the consultations owing to the American interests involved. Canada is ready to help Greenland, if necessary, but so far German danger there is remote. — Havas.

OIL TANKER BLOWS UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, YESTERDAY.

IT IS NOW CONFIRMED THAT THE GERMAN SHIP WHICH BLEW UP WITH A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN THE SKAGERRAK WAS AN OIL TANKER.

A message from Grimstad, in Norway, quotes fishermen as saying the explosion was "ghastly" and later the tanker was seen enveloped in flames which prevented German patrol vessels which rushed to the scene from giving assistance.—Havas.

SWEDISH ANXIETY GIVEN NEW IMPETUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

German troops in Norway are nearing the Swedish frontier in an attempt to seize Kongsvinger with the ultimate object of cutting off the Oslo-Charlottenberg railway. The capture of Halden is confirmed but the Norwegians defeated the Germans at Eldsfos.

The Propaganda Minister summoned Swedish correspondents and informed them that the Allies establishment of minefields in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat "is likely to modify Germany's position as regards Sweden."

Foreign quarters in Berlin assert that Swedish neutrality depends entirely on the decisions of the German High Command since Germany will be compelled to transport troops and supplies to Norway through Sweden.

Some expect that Germany might ask Sweden to authorise the mere transit of supplies of arms and ammunition.—Havas.

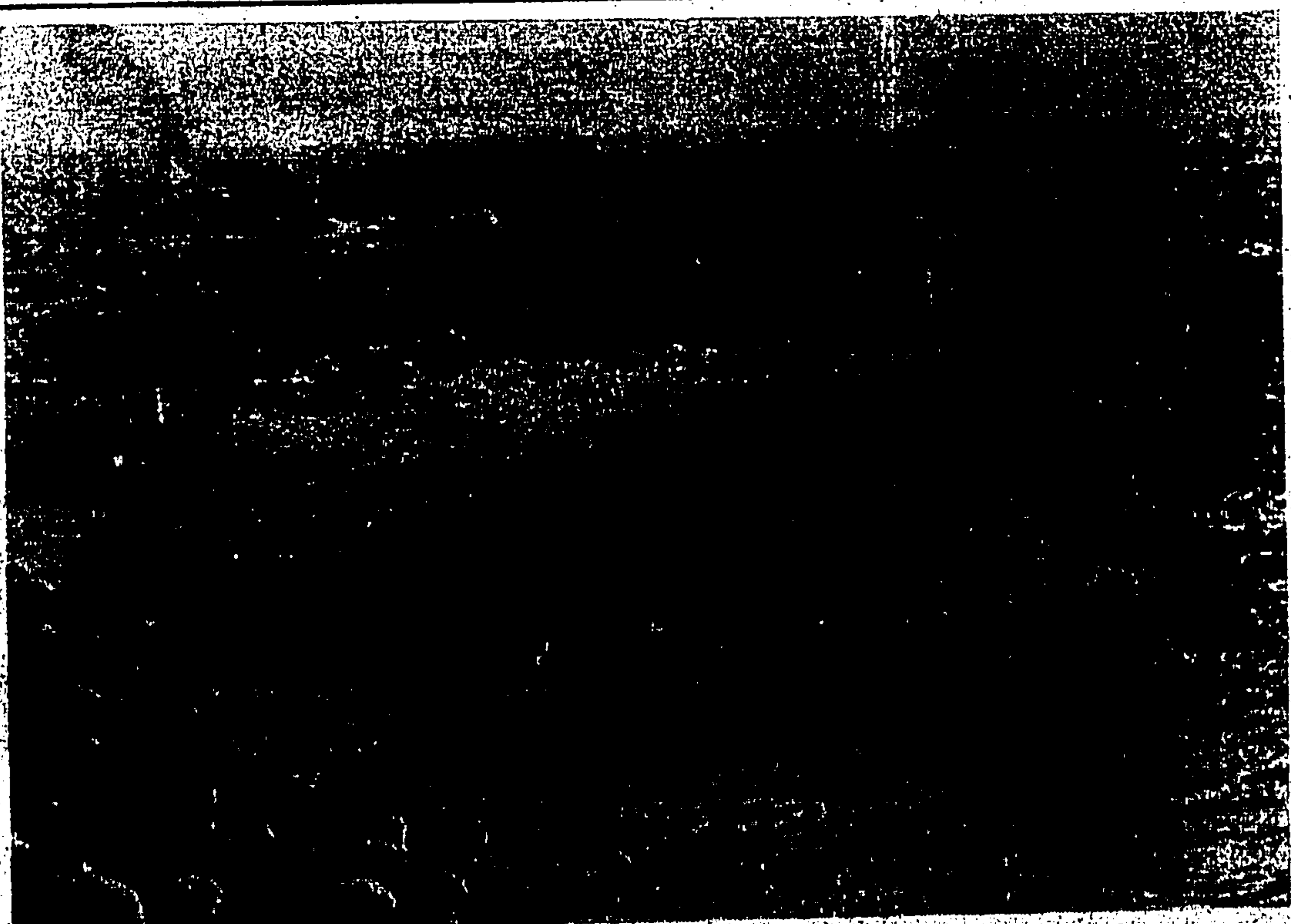
NAZI PATROL FALLS INTO AMBUSH

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WHEN A 50-STRONG GERMAN PATROL ENTERED A VILLAGE IN NO-MAN'S LAND THEY PROVIDED A REWARD FOR 20 ALGERIAN SHARPSHOOTERS WHO HAD LAID OUT IN THE FIELDS WAITING FOR MARAUDERS FOR FIVE SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS, CABLES REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

A German officer fell victim to the first rifle crack. This apparently discouraged his men who were routed.

Seven took refuge in a loft but surrendered when the Algerians entered the village at dawn.—Reuter.



Exclusive picture taken when the Italian Transatlantic liner "Count Grandi" was stopped in the Atlantic by a French submarine. A party from the submarine boarded the vessel and arrested three Germans, believed to be Nazi spies. Photo shows the French submarine leaving the Count Grandi after taking the three Germans aboard. (Air Mail).

Brilliant Work Of Britain's Submarines

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GERMAN CLAIM DISMISSED

London, To-day.
An authoritative statement says it is learned on enquiry that the German claim that a British cruiser of the Glasgow class was torpedoed north of the Shetlands is entirely devoid of foundation. — Reuter.

ITALY COMING INTO THE WAR?

Rome, To-day.
"The war which has fallen on Norway might fall upon us, but if the bugles sound we shall be the ones to sound them," declared Signor As-saldo, director of Count Ciano's newspaper "Tele-grafo," in a broadcast to the armed forces yesterday.

"Italy is preparing for the moment which will be most opportune," he continued.

"Such an occasion, which a month ago might have been very remote, may now be nearer than you think."

"All who believe Italy can draw into her shell and seek nothing but to make a little money, are in error. Such a programme could not be carried out by a little country like Norway. How could it succeed in our case who have common frontiers with the belligerents and Mediterranean interests?" — Reuter.

NAZI INTRIGUE IN SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
The newspaper Social Demokraten reports an increase of Nazi activity throughout Sweden.

The police arrested an agitator who tried to engage a number of unemployed for a new political group.

The police also seized many pamphlets some of which had promised the unemployed one crown daily. — Havas.

SAFE IN BRUSSELS

London, To-day.
The Ministers and staffs of the British, French and Polish Legations at Copenhagen have now arrived in Brussels, and the British are expected to reach England within the next few days. — British Wireless.

London, To-day.

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE states that some indication of the highly successful work under extremely dangerous conditions of British submarines during the past week can now be given.

THE GERMAN POCKET-BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL SCHEER WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY THE SUBMARINE SPEARFISH IN THE EARLY HOURS OF LAST THURSDAY MORNING.

It is probable the Scheer was hit by more than one torpedo.

H.M.S. Truant, another "baby" submarine, torpedoed and sank a German cruiser believed to be the Karlsruhe on Tuesday last. The sinking of this cruiser has already been announced and admitted by the Germans.

Other successes include the sinking of the following German transport and supply ships:—

The tanker Posidonia (3,911 tons);
The August Reonhardt (5,261 tons);
The Ionia (3,102 tons);
The Antra (2,593 tons);
The Memorsund (321 tons), and
An unknown Nazi ship of about 4,000 tons.

AND SIX MORE

Two more unknown German ships were sunk and four other ships in convoy hit by torpedoes, the result being unknown.

In addition, the Alster (8,145 tons) has been captured, and three trawlers — the Friesland, Nordland and Blankenburg — have been brought into a British port.

All these ships are in addition to six supply ships and the Rauensfels, which were sunk off Narvik by the Second Destroyer Flotilla on Wednesday last, as was announced in the Commons by the Prime Minister.

AND THE SCUTTLED

The following known scuttlings have taken place:—

The tanker Skagerrak (6,044 tons) — which scuttled herself on being sighted by a British cruiser; and

The German ship Maine (on being sighted by the Norwegian destroyer Draug which picked up some 60 of the crew and conveyed them to a British port).

The Draug now forms part of the Allied naval forces.

It has been reported that the German tanker Kattegat has been sunk by the Norwegians in the Skagerrak.

It will be noticed that no mention is made of the loss of any U-boats. It would be incorrect to assume that positive results have not been obtained. — Reuter.

SWEDISH INGENUITY

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish authorities have adopted an ingenious device to prevent enemy planes from landing in Sweden.

Motor vehicles are being spread over aerodromes in south Sweden, which prevents planes from landing.

It will not stop Swedish machines from landing or taking off as when such an occasion is required the motor vehicles are driven to the edge of the drome, and after the Swedish planes have landed or hopped off, the cars are again placed on the fields. — Reuter.

ANOTHER RAID ON STAVANGER

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that British aircraft at dawn yesterday again made a low-flying attack on Stavanger aerodrome.

A hangar, runway and a number of enemy aircraft were damaged.

A further attack was made on the enemy in Hafsfjord, where a number of seaplanes moored on the water were machine-gunned and an enemy machine-gun post silenced. — Reuter.

"HARDY" IN CONTACT?

Fewer Losses Than Were Feared

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announces that casualties in the destroyer Hardy in the action off Narvik on April 10 were two officers killed, including Captain Warburton-Lee, and three seriously wounded; 14 ratings killed, two missing believed drowned and six seriously wounded. — Reuter.

BREAKING BAD NEWS GENTLY

London, To-day.

"The second phase of the German operations in Norway is bound to be a phase of defence," stated the announcer on the official German wireless last night, announcing for the first time a High Command communique.

The utmost was done to break the Narvik news gently to the German public.

The announcer introduced it by saying "A British attack on a large scale was repelled by our navy forces at Narvik, which succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy." — Reuter.

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HINTS OF BRITISH LANDINGS IN NORWAY

Norwegians Told To Render All Possible Aid

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

AMID A WELTER OF RUMOURS OF BRITISH LANDINGS AT DIFFERENT POINTS ON THE NORWEGIAN COAST HAS COME AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT INDICATING THAT IF NO BRITISH TROOPS HAVE ACTUALLY LANDED, THEIR ARRIVAL IS IMMINENT.

The Norwegian Government last evening broadcast a message throughout the country calling on the people to give British forces every possible assistance.

The official message said that the brutal invasion of Norway would not go disregarded by the friends of Norway.

"Assistance is already on the way. Wherever British troops are met, you will assist them by every possible means."

Meanwhile, there are rumours that seven Allied divisions are being prepared for the Norwegian operations and that British troops have already landed on the coast about 100 miles to the north of Trondheim.—Havas.

NAZI NARVIK REPORT DENIED
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Well-informed circles categorically deny information from Stockholm that a contingent of German troops landed at Narvik on April 12. The information was probably from German sources.

The Royal Navy is keeping a close watch on the whole stretch of Norwegian coast, thereby making any landing of German troops practically impossible.—Havas.

Germans Abandon Narvik
Stockholm, To-day.

According to a despatch from the Norwegian news agency's office at Bodoe, German troops have abandoned Narvik and are taking refuge in the difficult country north and east of Narvik.

Whether British forces have landed is yet not known.—Reuter.

Germans Compelled To Evacuate

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
A Norwegian source in Stockholm states that German troops have been compelled to evacuate Narvik after a combined attack by the British and French Fleets.—Havas.

Trondheim Reinforced

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
A Norwegian communique says that German reinforcements have been despatched from Oslo to Trondheim.

German detachments from Halden have occupied the border post of Kornsjø where they seized the customs house on the Norwegian-Swedish border.—Havas.

FUGITIVE WOUNDED

A Chinese detective fired and wounded a man who attempted to escape after being arrested in Soy Street yesterday.

The man, wounded in the right leg, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

A fisherman, Chung Chan-mok, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for injuries received when he was knocked down by a car in Mait Street West, Shaikwan. The car was driven by a navalman, F. H. Child.

NAZI BOMBERS SEEKING OUT THE KING

London, To-day.

The Foreign Office announces the Norwegian Government has informed the British Government that German aircraft evidently have orders to attack the King of Norway personally, as they are bombing every successive place he stays in.

The action follows the refusal of King Haakon to negotiate in person with the German Minister in Oslo.—Reuter.

NAZI REPLY THUMB TO NOSE

As 100 German seamen off cuttled or captured ships passed through a British town recently trawlermen—among them men who had been bombed—gave them the Nazi salute.

One German acknowledged it by putting his thumb to his nose. The men were on their way to an internment camp in the South. It was as they were marching past the fish market that the trawlermen greeted them and exchanged good-humoured banter with them.

One of the Germans said he had fished out of the port in peace time and knew the city and many people who live there.

The officers spoke highly of the treatment they had received from the British. It was evident from the amount of gear they carried that they had been prepared to scuttle their ships.

They went by special train.

PORTUGUESE YOUTH ACCUSED

Alleged to have been involved in the burglary at Gilman's showroom on March 29, a Portuguese youth, Noel Silvio, 21, was to-day charged with receiving three Philco radio-sets and a portable gramophone, knowing the goods to be stolen property.

He was remanded for three days by Mr. E. Himsforth. Det.-Sgt. Nolan is in charge of the case.



Men of the Cheshire Regiment carrying out an exercise somewhere in France. Machine gunners in position in a ruined building. (Air Mail).

OUTSPOKEN U.S. COMMENT: INTEREST IN WAR

New York, To-day.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE German destroyers at Narvik provides the chief war story in all the New York newspapers, while editorial comment on the Scandinavian events is significant of the United States attitude.

The "New York Times" says: "The warring nations are not alone in believing their existence depends on the outcome of the war."

"Every neutral, no matter how far from Europe or how determined to stay out of this war, must reassess its position in the light of the result of the German drive."

"Germany has now shown she will not hesitate to crush any neutral in her path if she feels she thereby gains a strategic advantage."

The "Herald-Tribune" declares: "The war is coming closer to us every day."

"The fate of Greenland brings the war to our very doors."

"If Holland is invaded, the fate of Curacao and the Dutch West Indies would bring the war to within a stone's throw of the key of our defence—Panama."

U. S. INTERESTS THREATENED

"To-day, as in 1917, people dread the thought of war, but to-day more even than in 1917, war threatens American interests."

"The only thing that can check the Germanis is an overwhelming victory of the Allies and the defeat of Germany."

"The United States must obviously face the possibility that it may find

itself forced to join in the fray as the only way to protect its own interests."—Reuter.

FATE OF MILLIONS

Havas quotes the "New York Times" as saying: "What is at stake for us is far more important than Greenland or Iceland."

"We are watching the most serious threat ever brought against the British and French nations. The fate of millions of men depends upon the result of the clash between the Nazi and Allied forces."

CHINESE AIR VISIT TO NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

Twenty-six Chinese planes flew above the Shanghai-Nanking Line yesterday morning.

Leaflets were dropped around Nanking according to Chinese reports.—Our Own Correspondent.

Diversion Or An Isolated Operation?

HITLER'S MOTIVE PUZZLES EXPERTS: THE ALLIES READY

London, To-day.
THE GERMAN INVASION of Scandinavia is thought, in informed quarters here, to be susceptible of two interpretations, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Firstly, it is only the first instalment of a larger plan of aggression and may be intended to divert the Allies into a rat hunt through Norwegian fjords while greater armies are set in motion elsewhere, or,

Secondly, it is an isolated move. If the former conjecture is correct, then Hitler is obliging the Allies by undertaking at last what they have always wanted from him, namely, a campaign on two fronts.

The Allies are ready for Hitler even if he should break out on several fronts simultaneously. If the second supposition is right, then Hitler's action seems that of a madman.

HEAVY PRICE

He may have thought that Norwegian ports would offer bases for his submarines, but destruction of a large proportion of his fleet seems an absurd price to pay for bases which anyhow cannot be used as freely as his submarines in Norway's waters were while she still was neutral.

Hitler has thrown away the chance of saving his skin by wearing out the Allies' patience and has chosen to fight on a naval front on which he is outnumbered and on which, as British minelaying in the Baltic shows, he risks being taken in the rear.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER FORCE AIDS NORWAY

Stockholm, To-day.

The Norwegian General Staff announces that Swedish and Finnish volunteers have arrived at the front in Norway.

Norwegian naval headquarters claims that three German planes were shot down and the crews, numbering 10, taken prisoner.

The Norwegian communique adds that German reinforcements are being flown from Oslo to Trondheim.—Reuter.

TREASURY TAKES OVER MORE U.S. SECURITIES

London, To-day.

By an Order issued to-day some 117 U.S. dollar securities are transferred to Treasury control.

This action was forecast in the first Vesting Order issued in respect of 60 similar securities.

The price paid by the Treasury to holders is the market price ruling on April 13th.—British Wireless.

DEATH OF FAMOUS ENGINEER

London, To-day.

Sir George Cunningham Buchanan, the internationally known engineer, died yesterday.

He was associated with big harbour, dock and river works in South Africa and South America.—Reuter.

STRATEGIC BLUNDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WHILE ADMITTING THE DARING AND SKILL OF THE GERMAN OPERATIONS IN SCANDINAVIA, POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMENTATORS HERE POINT OUT THE STRATEGIC DRAWBACKS TO THE REICH.

Henceforth, they say, Hitler will no longer be able to pursue a purely defensive policy and must face an extension of the front, which up till now he has carefully endeavoured to avoid.

Finally, the operations have cost Germany a considerable number of warships, while the British naval victory at Narvik clearly shows the precarious German position in Norway.—Havas.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

THAT THREE MEN CONSPIRED TO ROB A CHINESE WOMAN FROM HONOLULU WHO WAS IN THE HABIT OF WEARING VALUABLE JEWELLERY WAS ALLEGED AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING WHEN ONE OF THE MEN WAS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF A KNIFE FOR AN UNLAWFUL PURPOSE.

Accused, Li Ying, 37, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det. Sergeant N. B. Fraser said Li Ying was arrested on Saturday night outside a tea-house in Shanghai Street. The knife was concealed under his jacket.

Two other men, alleged conspirators, were later located and detained. They were, however, released owing to lack of evidence.

SERVICES FOR DEAD IN DENMARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

It is learned from Copenhagen that all churches in Denmark yesterday held services in the memory of Danish soldiers killed in the fighting on April 9, the day of the German invasion.

The Danish dead were buried in Copenhagen; the King and Queen and the Danish War Minister sent wreaths.—Havas.

SALISBURY AVENUE ROBBERY

Jewellery valued at \$545, including a diamond ring, was stolen from the residence of Mr. L. R. Hilderson, No. 2, Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, between 2.50 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. yesterday.

NAZI ADMIRAL HAD TO SWIM

Stockholm, To-day.

Fairly conclusive evidence that the German warship sunk recently in Oslo Fjord was the Gneisenau and not the Bluecher is supplied by reports from Berlin that Admiral Carls and several navy and army officers of high rank were forced to swim ashore after the sinking.

Men of this high rank would only be in command of a major capital warship.

In addition, the Norwegian claim that the Gneisenau was sunk has not been denied by Berlin.—Reuter.

SPEE MEN CAUSE RIFT

Strained relations between Britain and Argentina—old trading friends—are reported from Buenos Aires.

But it is expected that the trouble will soon be smoothed over. The two chief points of dispute are:

Argentina's lack of proper supervision of the interned members of the Graf Spee;

British restrictions on Argentine beef and foreign exchange.

The rift over the Graf Spee crew, says Associated Press, followed the visit of Sir Esmond Ovey, the British Ambassador, to M. Diogenes Taboada, Minister of the Interior.

Sir Esmond suggested that Argentina's own internment decree should be more rigorously applied against the crew of the Graf Spee, who sought refuge in Buenos Aires after their ship was scuttled.

It is stated that the officials were "surprised and ruffled" as the result of Sir Esmond's request.

The decree of December 19 provided that the officers remain in Buenos Aires while the rest of the crew be distributed among provinces in the interior in such a manner as to make concentration impossible.

MENINGITIS CASES

Two cases of small-pox were reported during Saturday and yesterday, according to the Health authorities.

There were also 23 cases of tuberculosis, nine of meningitis, 10 of dysentery, two of chicken-pox, and one each of diphtheria and measles.

HARBOUR OFFENCE

Seven Chinese were charged before Lieut. J. Jolly in the Marine Court this morning with boarding a Dutch ship on Saturday while the vessel was flying the "S" pennant.

Two were fined \$20, three \$10, one \$15, and one \$30.

6-YEAR-OLD KILLED

A six-year-old child, Chan Tai-shing, was killed in Buckeley Street yesterday when knocked down by a private car, No. 1257, driven by Mr. G. T. Anderson, of No. 3, Havelock Terrace, Kowloon Docks. The child died shortly after admission to Kowloon Hospital.

GERMAN ADVANCE TO HALDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Norwegian refugees arriving yesterday morning in Sweden said the Germans had advanced as far as Halden, on the Swedish border.

Finnish volunteers and many foreign volunteers of other nationalities have arrived on the Norwegian border.

Norwegian ambulances which helped Finland during the war against the Soviets are expected to return to their own country soon.

Many other foreign ambulances, mainly French, are also going to Norway.

Postal relations between Finland, France, Britain and the United States have been suspended.—Havas.

Two Towns Razed By German Bombers

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is now confirmed that Elverum (which was bombed for three hours) and Elidesvold have been razed to the ground by Nazi bombers.

Meanwhile, Norwegian resistance is stiffening.

Fierce fighting occurred at Askum, near the River Glommen.

In south Norway a battle has been raging since Friday near Holden, the inhabitants of which evacuated in 1,300 cars and have reached the Swedish border.—Havas.

Germans In Retreat?

London, To-day.

According to a despatch from Stockholm, following fighting at Elidsvold, 40 miles north-east of Oslo, the Germans are reported to have been forced to retreat southwards.

The despatch adds that over 1,000 Norwegian refugees crossed the Swedish frontier during the night.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ITALIAN ARMS PROGRAMME

Mussolini is leaving nothing to chance. Is that the only conclusion to be drawn from the enormous appropriations for the three fighting forces which are included in the Italian budget estimates for 1940-41, and which exceed by £110,000,000 those for the past year? As usual, comment has been busy over the figures, interpreting them as evidence of intention to intervene in the war on one side or the other. On the other hand, if his vast new armaments are not for use, the more publicity they receive the better. Some day this war will be wound up at a peace conference, and he has before him the lesson of the last one, when weight of arms measured the terms. There will be no need then for Italy to fire a shot; an army and weapons intact will get her what she wants in a world whose ammunition is all spent and whose soldiers are mostly dead or wounded. Meanwhile, she has to pay for these armaments, and the price will put a heavy strain on the pocket of the Italian citizen. A short time ago one would have said that it spelt bankruptcy; but it has been shown that totalitarian economies have remarkable powers of resistance, and the profits of Italian trade from non-belligerency in the present war must already have done much to refill the Treasury. — "Truth."

A NAZI MONROE DOCTRINE?

Mr. Sumner Welles' visit to Berlin calls to critical world attention once more the claims of Nazi leaders to special position for Germany in Central and South-eastern Europe. A sound economic case for German primacy in this area exists. It is recognised, in fact, by the Allies. It is not the ordinary economic advantages of Germany in Danubia that Allied statesmen oppose. What arouses antagonism is the element of exclusiveness in German economic policy. Germany has sought to impose its primacy by diplomatic activity, by political organisation within other States, and by veiled or overt threats of force. To liken this type of recent German expansionism to the American Monroe Doctrine, as has been done in reported statements to Mr. Welles, is bound to cause surprise among Americans. Had the "Drang nach Osten" proceeded unopposed even along purely economic lines, the small States east would almost certainly have been reduced to the economic status of German colonies. They would have provided raw materials and subsisted on living standards imposed by a one-sided relationship with a powerful customer. Barter methods would have prevented these small States from enjoying normal financial or trade relations with other large Powers. This in itself was sufficient undestorable from the smaller States' point of view. But barter methods could not be extended by economic means alone.

Political and military coups in Austria and Czechoslovakia were required to extend German financial and political control over unwilling interests.

The Monroe Doctrine may have its critics in Germany and indeed in South and Central America. But even the worst phases of "Yankee imperialism" or "dollar diplomacy" — now rejected by American public opinion — have not made that doctrine comparable to the policy practiced by the Third Reich in its drive to the East. Stating Germany's case in Monroe Doctrine terms may seem good propaganda in Berlin, but it is doubtful whether it could have impressed the United States' Mr. Welles very seriously. — "Christian Science Monitor."

CATALYSIS

In March last year the "Munich Agreement" still held the field. Adolf Hitler was supposed to have, in his own words, "no more territorial claims in Europe." To point out that he had never been known to keep his word was to run the risk of being called a "warmonger" or an "ideological" fanatic. Whatever else it might or might not have done, "Munich" had saved the peace of the world and had left Germany free and able to act as the main bulwark of western civilisation against the peril of Bolshevism.

On March 15, 1939, this comforting prospect faded. By the end of March Poland was seen to be, after Czechoslovakia, the next object of Hitler's territorial claims. Against them Great Britain felt constrained to give a pledge of help to Poland, a pledge speedily transformed into an alliance. Then, urged by British Liberals, Socialists, and Conservatives, alike, negotiations began for a defensive agreement with Soviet Russia to supplement the British and French alliances with Poland. The negotiations hung fire — because (according to believers in Soviet Russia) of British and French half-heartedness. Now we know that they broke down over the demand of Russia that Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, as well as Finland, should be handed over to it.

Then in the fourth week of August came the

AMERICA'S ROLE

It is noteworthy that public opinion is witnessing America's acceptance of its natural role in world affairs with equanimity and understanding. As is manifest in the capital and in the country, American opinion is strongly for non-involvement in the war; but it is decreasingly isolationist so far as the United States can properly influence the conditions of peace for the good of all. — J. Roscoe Drummond.

beginning of a process which chemists, I believe, call catalysis. Confused notions that had been floating about in many thoughts were suddenly precipitated by the Russo-German agreement of August 24. No longer was Nazi Germany a safeguard of western civilisation against the Bolshevik "scum of the earth" — to use Hitler's own phrase. No longer could any honest sympathiser with the Bolshevik Revolution look upon Joseph Stalin as a progressive democrat. Some, indeed, sought solace in the thought that, after all, he had "double-crossed." Hitler by keeping Germany out of the Baltic States and thwarting its designs upon the Ukrain. this belief, in its turn, was shattered by the Russian onslaught on Finland, in obvious collusion with Germany. Admiration of Finnish heroism, and astonishment at the frost-bitten clay feet of the Bolshevik Colossus, did the rest. — A. Wickham Stead.

NAVY'S COUP IN BALTIC: NAZI BLUNDERS

London, To-day.

THE ONLY MAJOR development in the situation in Scandinavia has reference to the new immense minefield laid in the Baltic which links up with the field across the North Sea, the Skagerrak and the Kattegat — the largest ever laid — which was announced on Friday.

Announcement of this hemming-in of Germany's northern coast has strengthened the feeling of calm confidence with which the Scandinavian situation is regarded in London.

Further information regarding the highly successful Narvik exploit, in connection with which last night's Admiralty communique stated that the operations were proceeding, is awaited, and meanwhile the fact that the Germans are still in possession of Bergen and Trondheim arouses no special anxiety in authoritative quarters.

It is recognised that the importance of evicting the Germans from these ports, in which they are isolated, is of secondary significance compared with the task of destroying the German Fleet with which such satisfactory progress has been reported.

Complete severance of the sea communications of these Nazi forces with Germany now seems to be assured.

COLOSSAL BLUNDER

In naval quarters, respect for the German naval strategists has been greatly lowered by last week's striking demonstrations of their failure to understand the basic principles on which success in sea warfare is based.

The "Sunday Times" naval correspondent says that the prime errors were obvious within 24 hours.

The invasion was undertaken across waters of which the German Navy not only did not have command, but also did not have even temporary command, and secondly the invading forces, both naval and military, were divided up into small raiding parties aimed, as the Norwegian communique makes clear, at no fewer than eight different points, distributed over as much as 1,000 miles.

RAEDER RUMOURS

It is charitably assumed by students of naval warfare in London that Hitler was driven into action by the need to supply his public with new sensations and that the German Naval Staff cannot have failed to warn him of the dangers of the enterprises.

The events are regarded as lending colour to reports, hitherto treated with reserve, that Grand Admiral Raeder, the Nazi Naval Chief, has fallen into disfavour for the vehemence with which he advanced his arguments against the project.—British Wireless.

10,000 HOMELESS IN COLON FIRE

Panama City, To-day.

Six people are reported to have been burned to death and 10,000 are homeless as the result of disastrous fires in the town of Colon on Saturday night.

The entire civilian and military fire-fighting forces on both sides of the Isthmus were mobilised to fight the flames.

United States troops blew up buildings in an attempt to save valuable properties. — Reuter.

JAPANESE NAVY GAMES OFF FUKIEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHIUKWAN, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL MESSAGES FROM FUKIEN, A FLEET OF SOME 100 JAPANESE WARSHIPS HAVE JUST CONCLUDED NAVAL MANOEUVRES IN WATERS BETWEEN THE COAST OF FUKIEN AND FORMOSA.

It is stated that the fleet included 36 destroyers, four aircraft carriers, five cruisers, nine transports, several battleships, and some smaller gun-boats.

The Japanese warships reported in Bias Bay last week were taking part in the manoeuvres. — Our Own Correspondent.

NORWAY IN GOOD HEART

London, To-day.

The prompt action of the Allied Fleets has had an excellent effect in Norway where, according to latest reports reaching London, the people are in good heart and the morale of the troops is high.

Mobilisation is proceeding satisfactorily despite the difficulties and where contact with the invaders has been joined, Norwegian resistance has been stubborn and is stiffening.

Information regarding the actual fighting is scanty. As is generally known, the German forces exercise effective control over very small parts of the country.

The British and French Ministers and their staffs left Oslo hastily for Sweden, with which communications are for the most part normal and the British Minister, Sir Cecil Donner, is reported to have stated that when they had replenished their kit, much of which was left behind, they will return to Norway.

Sir Cecil Donner has paid a warm tribute to the grit and determination with which the Norwegians are facing the situation.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI SHOOTING ARREST

Shanghai, To-day.

A man was arrested and detained by the police late last night in connection with the assassination by shooting of Tan Shao-llang, Superintendent in the S.M.C. Police on Saturday morning.

The name of the arrested person was not disclosed but is reported to be well-known in newspaper circles. — Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH BOMBER SHOT DOWN

The Hague, To-day.

It is officially announced that a British bomber crashed in flames on Dutch territory near the village of Babberich, close to the German frontier, after a fight with a German machine.

It is added that as far as could be ascertained the fight occurred over German territory.

An inquiry is being held.—Reuter.

ITALIAN STORY CORRECTED

London, To-day.

Currency has been given in the Italian press to a report that owing to the German invasion of Norway and the occupation of Denmark, there is a grave shortage of food in Britain.

It was added that it had become necessary immediately to ration butter, eggs and margarine.

The facts are that the butter ration was increased about a fortnight ago to eight ounces weekly per person, and, as already announced, it was officially stated immediately after Denmark was occupied that there was no intention of reducing the ration.

Margarine is not rationed and there is no intention of rationing it.

Eggs, which are at present cheaper than they have been for some time past, are unrationed and there is no intention to ration them. Since April 9 pork has been free of ration.—British Wireless.

GERMAN AIR LOSSES

Stockholm, To-day.

The wireless reports that a German three-engined aeroplane crashed on the mountainside and caught fire after flying over the Swedish town of

GERMAN AIRMEN ANGRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Indignant allegation that Britain is using "a new type of Q-ship" to trap German reconnaissance planes over the North Sea were made by four German airmen who returned to Germany via Holland yesterday after being shot down by an armed fishing-boat.

While flying over the North Sea on Wednesday they sighted what they took for a "peaceful fishing-boat" and made towards it in the hope of easy prey. The boat had its nets out and the German plane started to spray it with machine-gun bullets in the usual Nazi fashion.

The horror of the German airmen when the boat let fly with its anti-aircraft gun can be read in the account of the member of Goebbels's war correspondent corps who interviewed them on their return. "This peaceful fishing-boat of the Churchill brand had unmasked itself," he writes indignantly.

According to the story told by the airmen they silenced the boat's gun with a final burst of machine-gun fire, only to find that they had been hit in the engine-cooling system and would have to come down on the sea.

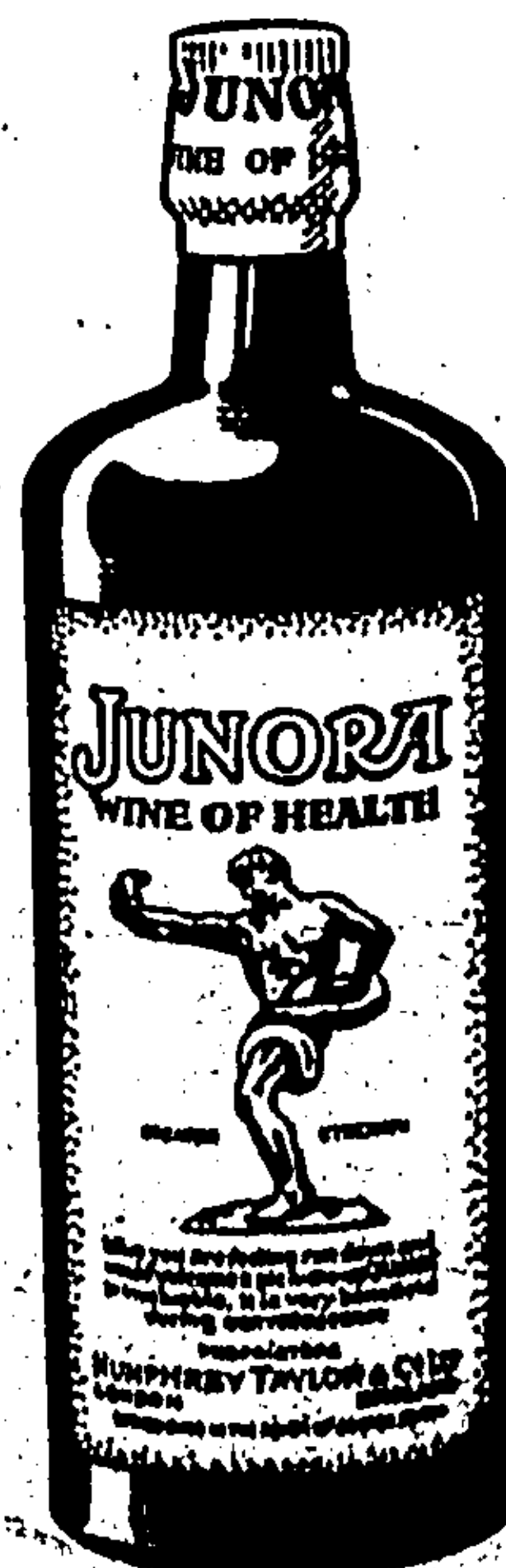
They did so and climbed into their rubber boat before the machine sank, despite the fact that one of them had a broken arm, another a head injury and a third a bullet through the knee.

Finally they were picked up by a Dutch trawler. Since they had come down outside territorial waters they were treated as "shipwrecked mariners" and allowed to return to Germany across Holland.—Havas.

"AN OLD FRIEND" RETURNS!

JUNORA

(THE WINE OF HEALTH)

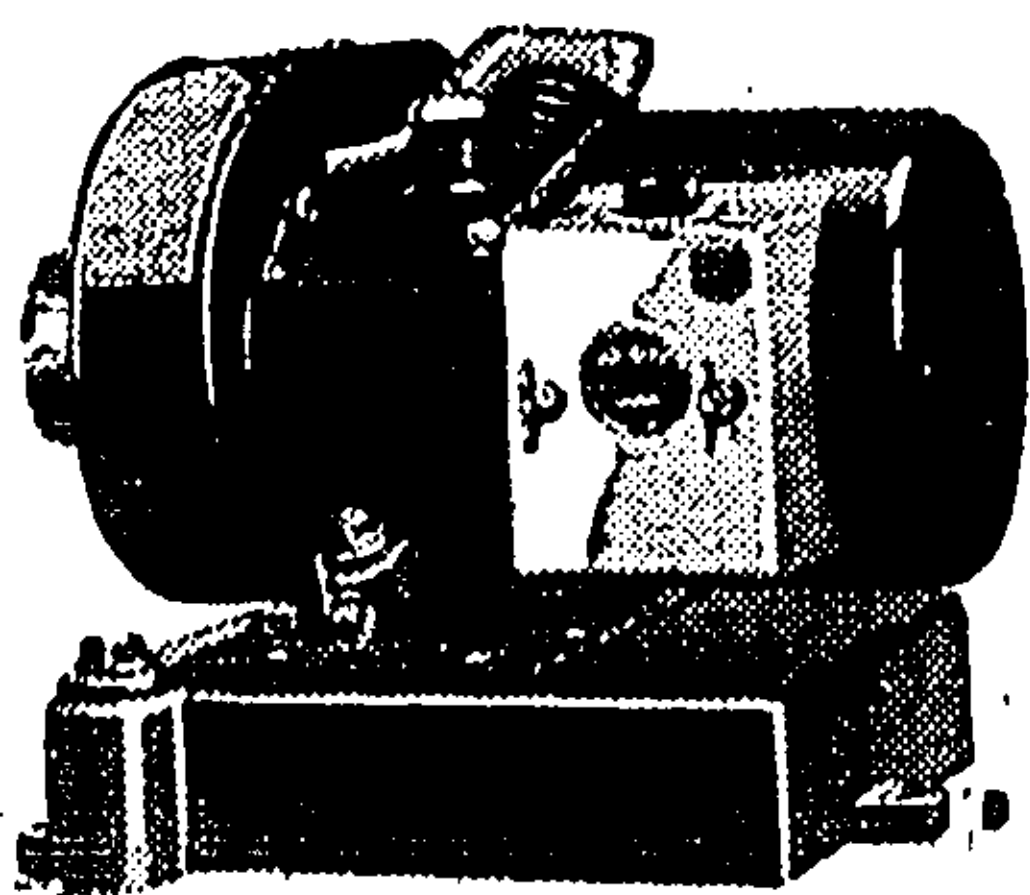


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WAR THREAT IN HOLLAND

JAPAN CASTS THOUGHTS TO THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

Tokyo, To-day.

WITH THE EUROPEAN developments increasing conjectures about the fate of the Dutch East Indies, Japanese newspapers, including the "Asahi Shimbun" and "Chugai Shogyo," under streamer headlines speculate on Japan's attitude regarding prevention of the war ravages spreading to the South Seas, where Japan has mandated territory.

The Government will adhere to its non-intervention policy in the European war, and will concentrate its energies on disposal of the China affair, according to the "Asahi," which says Japan however is watching developments in Europe with keen attention, being disinclined to see the spread of war to the southern Pacific region.

In this sense the Japanese Government is considering measures to cope with any emergency, according to the "Asahi."

The paper says Japan will avoid being misunderstood by other countries regarding measures to deal with the situation in case the Dutch East Indies is involved in the conflict despite Japan's wishes.

The journal says in this connection that the Japanese Government should draw the attention of the Powers to this matter, expressing its wishes that the belligerents and other interested powers do their utmost to prevent armed hostilities from spreading towards the southern Pacific.

Next Development

These steps should be taken either through foreign diplomatic channels in Tokyo of the belligerents and other interested powers or by Japanese diplomatic representatives abroad.

The choice of methods will likely hinge on the circumstances prevailing.

Analysing the European situation, the "Asahi" says that as a result of the German action in northern Europe the next development in the war is expected to concern a struggle between Britain and Germany for influence in Holland.

For this reason the situation on the German-Dutch border has recently been greatly strained.

If the Netherlands should be involved in the conflict, no matter whether Britain or Germany sent armed forces into that country, questions would be raised immediately in regard to the affiliations of the Dutch East Indies.

Great Attention

As for Japan, she must pay great attention to possible developments involving the Dutch East Indies, with which she has very close economic relations.

"The "Asahi Shimbun" expects three different proposals about the fate of the Dutch East Indies, as speculated in Europe.

IRON CROSS -- SHOT DOWN

With an Iron Cross ribbon on the tunic, the body of a German airman was found on rocks at St. Mary's Island, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

He is believed to be one of the crew of the German bomber shot down off the Northumbrian coast.

Earlier an empty rubber dinghy, holed in one side, was washed up on Whitley Bay promenade beach. It was from a German bomber.

Firstly, the Dutch East Indies should be made a British protectorate or be placed under temporary British control.

Secondly, the Dutch Government may seek shelter in the Dutch East Indies.

Thirdly, the Dutch East Indies may request the protection of the United States.—Reuter.

SHORTAGE OF NURSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A severe shortage of nurses is felt as a great number are working in China or have settled in Manchukuo.

The Nurses Association has issued an appeal calling for at least 3,000 new nurses. — Havas.

20 FRENCH WARSHIPS WITH HOME FLEET

Paris, To-day.

It is revealed here that about 20 French warships are co-operating with the British Fleet off Norway.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



PREMIER'S NO TO TALK ON PEACE

A DEPUTATION of peers and M.P.s, who sought to press Mr. Chamberlain to agree to mediation and a peace conference after Hitler's terms had been sent to President Roosevelt and the Foreign Office, was refused a hearing by the Premier.

PINK FORM JUST A PINK SLIP

"Members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service will show their pink forms whenever called upon to do so."

This appeared on the notice board at the A.T.S. headquarters of a certain command.

The A.T.S. girls are issued with pink-coloured leave passes, but they wondered what the real meaning of the notice was.

"Someone was trying to be funny," an official of the A.T.S. told a reporter.

ALLIED PURCHASES OF WARPLANES

New York, To-day.

The Anglo-French Purchasing Commission has been advised that certain types of planes have been released.

A Washington despatch says Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, has notified the British and French representatives that the Allies would have to defray the cost of developing improved models for the United States Army in return for early deliveries. — Reuter.

This was disclosed by Dr. Alfred Salter, Labour M.P. for West Bermondsey, London, S.E. Dr. Salter also said that a conference of leaders of all Protestant churches in Europe (the delegates included the Archbishop of York), held in Holland in January, was a factor in President Roosevelt's decision to send Mr. Sumner Welles on his mission.

"The final factor which induced him to send Mr. Sumner Welles," Dr. Salter added, "was the receipt by him from the Swedish Ambassador in Washington of a document which purported to contain the terms upon which, as a basis, Germany was prepared to discuss peace. A copy of the document was sent to Lord Halifax at the Foreign Office. That document was similar in all essentials, but not in the precise wording, to that which Lord Tavistock obtained from the German Legation in Dublin about a fortnight ago."

The conference was held in an old house hidden in a wood. The archbishop travelled in a closed car along country roads and the meeting place was kept a secret.

The Archbishop of York said: "The conference might have been one of several straws which led to Mr. Welles's tour."

The Rev. H. Carter, secretary of Methodists' Social Welfare Council, said: "It may be that the Primate of Norway communicated with President Roosevelt."

It was learned at the home of the Rev. W. Paton, at St. Albans, Herts, that shortly after his return from The

M. HAMBRO USED AS PRETEXT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, Yesterday.

The newspaper "Afton-bladet" reports from Berlin that the attitude of the Swedish press is bitterly criticised in German official quarters, who allege Sweden violated her neutrality when she allowed M. Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, to release a statement in Stockholm.

M. Hambro is now residing in Stockholm and has been entrusted with a special mission by the Swedish Government.

M. Hambro's intention was to broadcast this statement to the Norwegian people but the broadcast was cancelled following the request of the German consul.

SENSE OF DUTY

M. Hambro's statement emphasised

that the Norwegian Government's and Parliament's determination to resist had been strengthened by the sense of duty shown by the King and the Crown Prince.

M. Hambro concluded: "Though we are threatened by all sorts of arms we are confident and calm. Our country is united and strong, knowing well that the day will come when she will be victorious and the people free."—Havas.

RABBITS A LUXURY NOW

The housewife who had hoped to eke out her family's meat rations by buying an occasional rabbit is finding that they are being sold at almost prohibitive prices.

Previous to rationing, an English rabbit could be bought for 1s. 8d. or 1s. 9d. — to-day they are to be seen in the shops at 2s. apiece.

Imported rabbits — chiefly from Australia — are scarce and are being sold at widely differing prices. At one London shop they are being sold at between 1s. 2d. and 1s. 4d. At another they are offered at between 1s. 9d. and 1s. 10d. The Government is watching prices closely.

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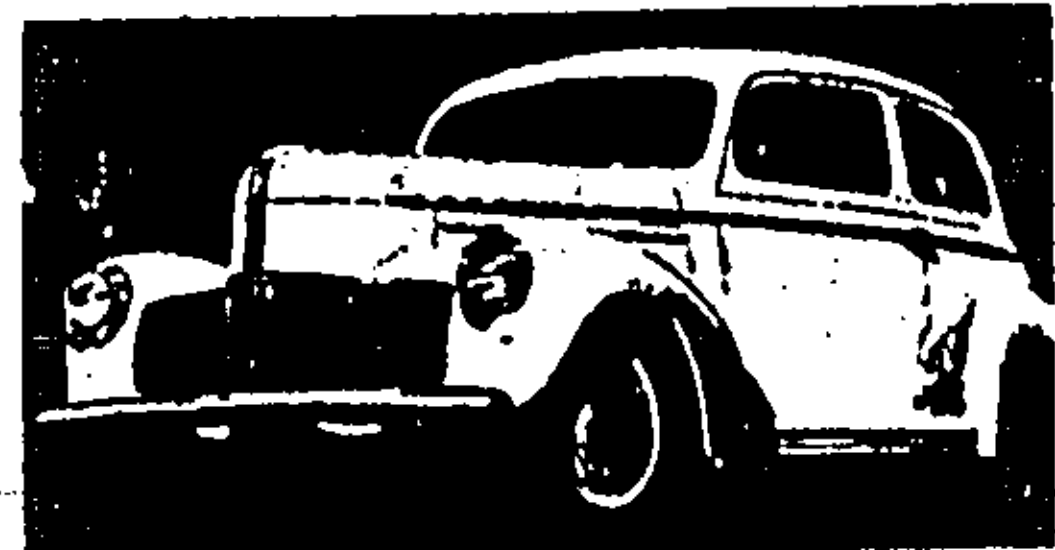
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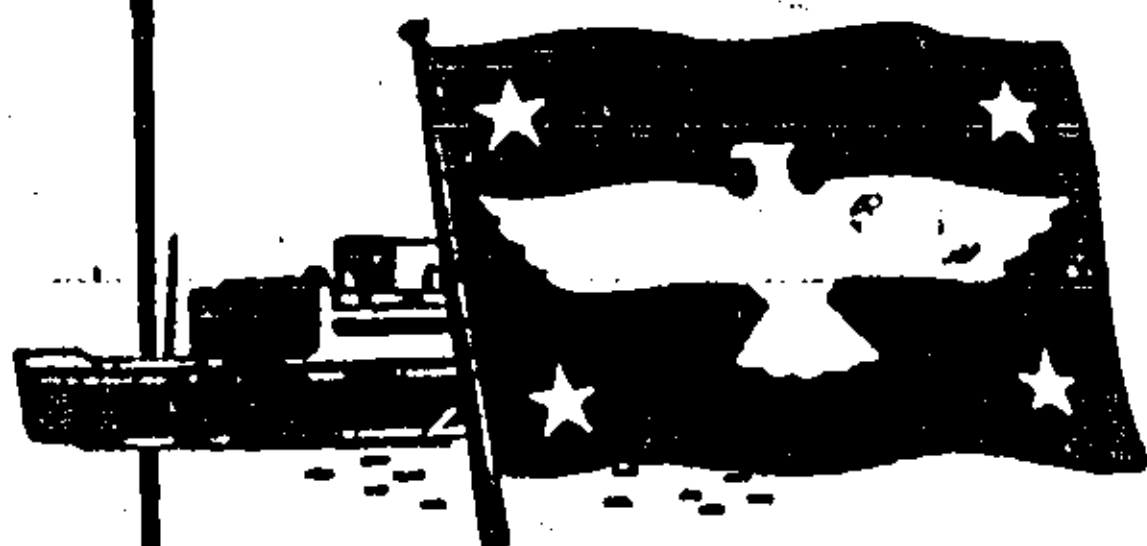
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SYLT RAIDER DECORATED BY KING. Acting Flight Lt. James Johnson Bennett, D.F.C., leaving Buckingham Palace on April 2. He was captain of one of the aircraft engaged in the attack on Sylt. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and dazzling searchlights he descended to 1,000 feet and pressed home the attacks. Air Mail. Copyright).

NAVICERTS FOR BALTIC CANCELLED

Washington, Yesterday.

Under the new B.O.T. restrictions covering exports of all goods to the Baltic and Northern States, shippers from overseas will not have the use of navicerts in the sending of goods to these areas, the British Embassy in Washington announces.

Contraband goods for Denmark will be detained by the Allies. Licences already issued have been revoked.

It is stressed that the order does not apply to Iceland, Greenland or the Faroe Islands; the latter two are, of course, Danish possessions, while the former is united to Denmark by virtue of a common sovereign.—Reuter.

TORPEDO LOST

During naval exercises on Friday, one of His Majesty's ships lost a tor-

SIGNIFICANT COMMENT

London, To-day.

The appreciation shown in most neutral countries of the significance of the events of the past few days has been noted here with satisfaction.

In North and South American countries in particular, the extravagance of the Nazi propagandist claims appears to have failed entirely to impress.

In certain neutral countries, more exposed to the stress of Nazi pressure, reluctance to acclaim the Allied successes is fully understood.

Sweden's precarious position especially wins general position esteem, the statement by M. Hansson, the Swedish Prime Minister, has made an excellent impression.

Contact is being maintained between the Swedish Minister in London and the Foreign Office.—British Wireless.

pedo in the vicinity of 228 deg., 2.7 miles from Waglan. The naval authorities announced this morning a reward was offered for its recovery.

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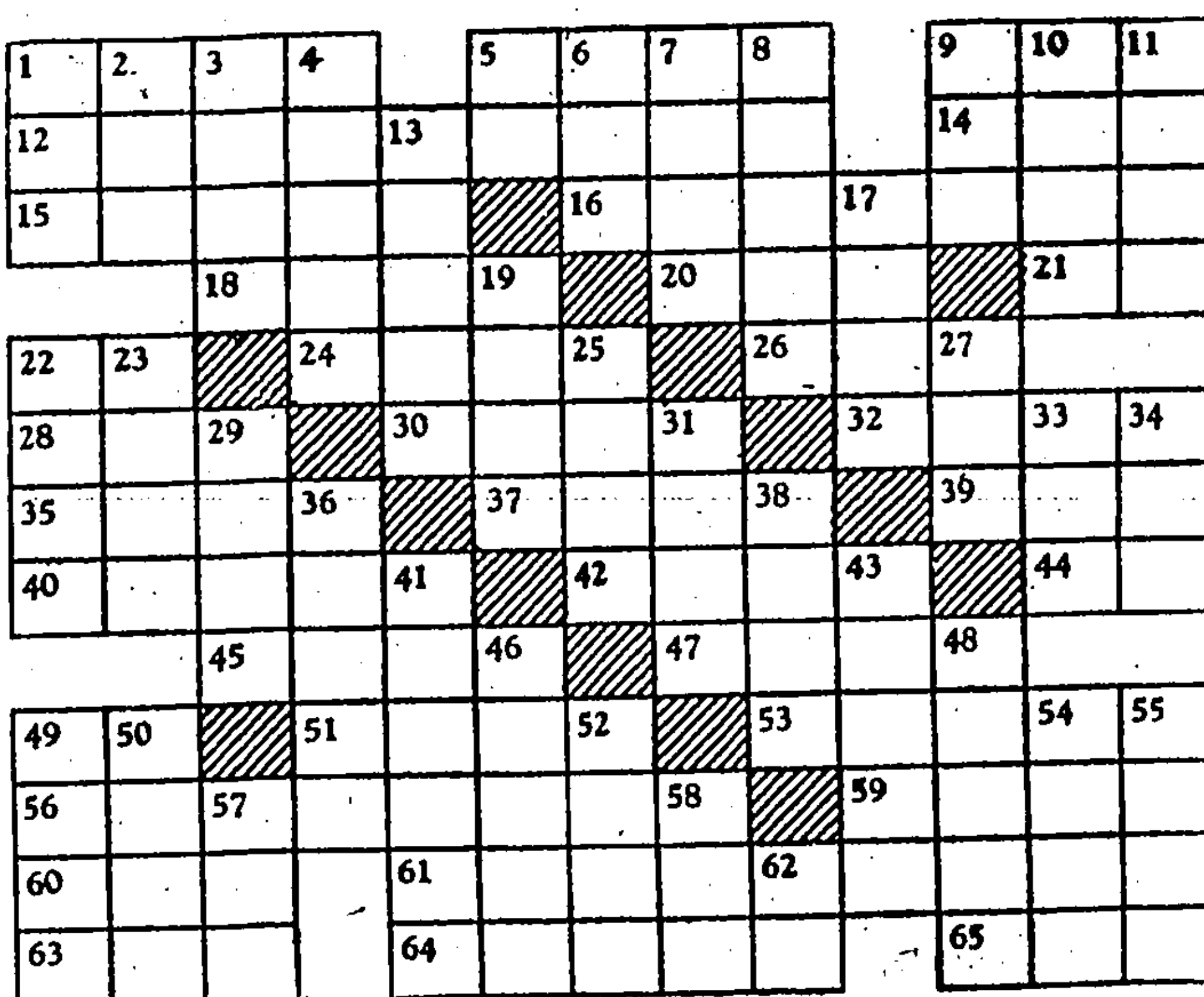
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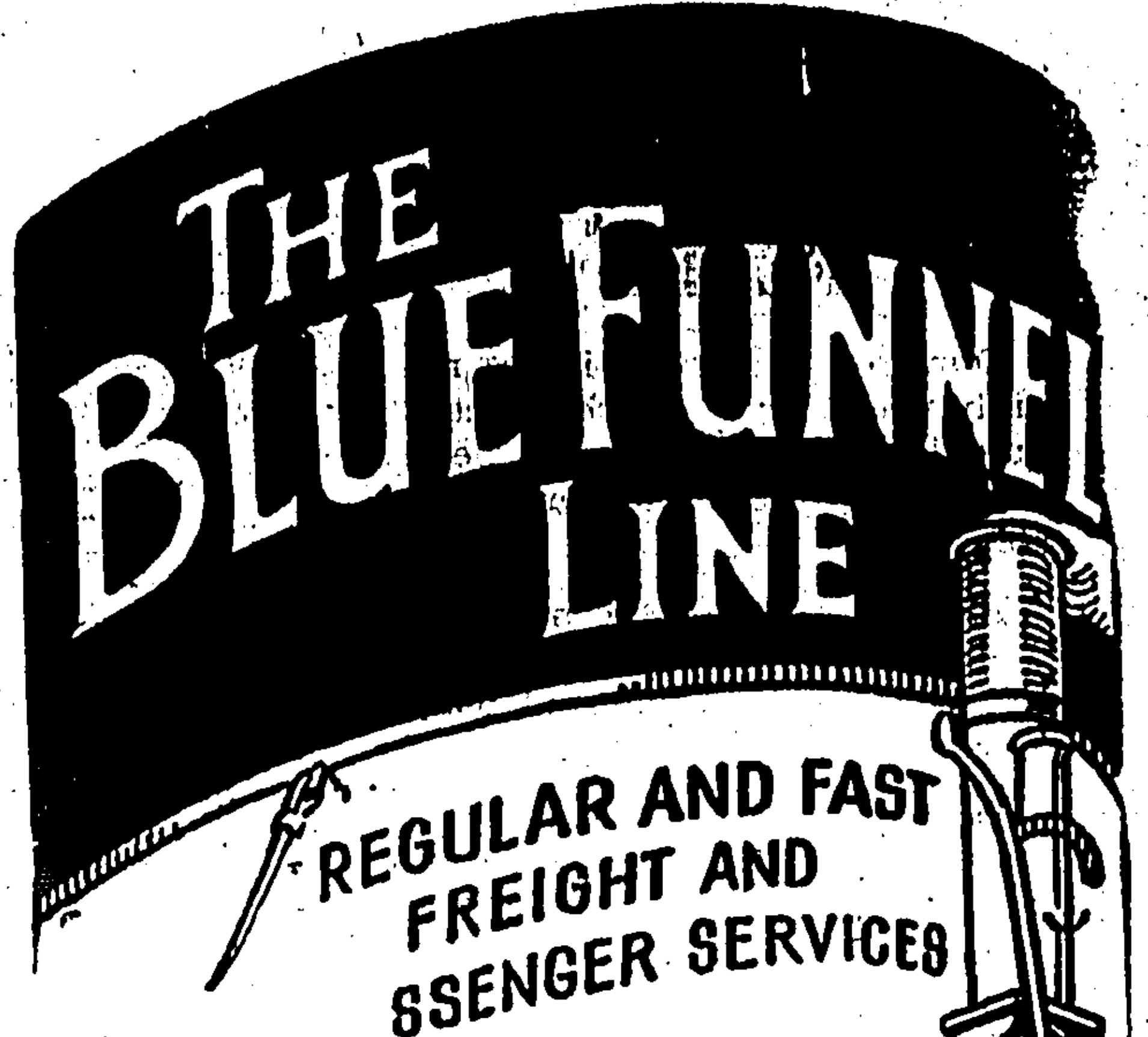
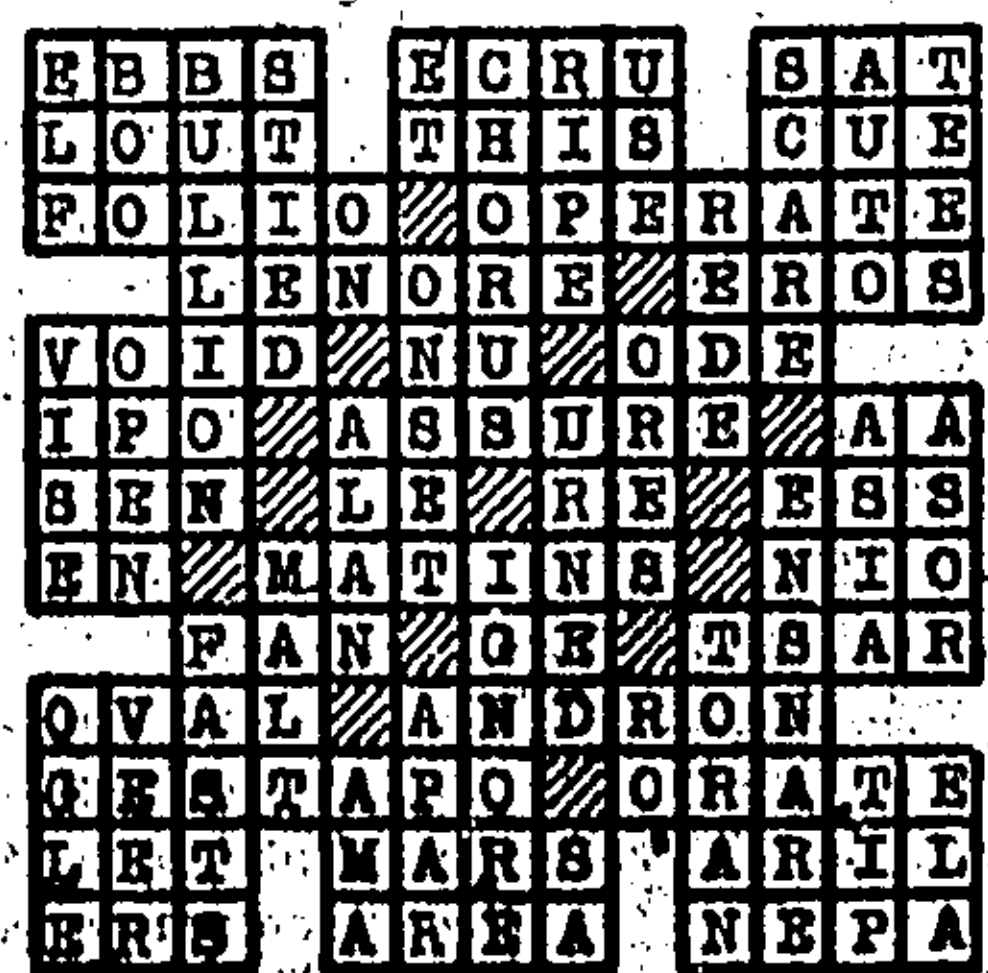
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- 12 Deadlock
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- 20 Constellation
- 21 Symbol for tellurium
- 22 Note of scale
- 24 Aviators
- 26 Title of respect
- 28 Palm leaf
- 30 Walked
- 32 Not any
- 35 Ice mass
- 37 To assist
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- 40 Declivity
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- 44 To exist
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KILLER WAS LIFE OF PARTY

After killing his blonde sweetheart with a knife, a middle-aged man carefully washed her clothes and went to a dance held by a fraternal order of which he was a member.

He was the life of the party. But beneath his veneer of gaiety, Louis Grondine, forty-six, had a troubled conscience.

After one last burst of "whoopie," Grondine went to the police and gave himself up.

He took them to his flat where they discovered the nude body of Elaine Rossi, twenty-three, lying on the floor, her head battered and deep knife gashes in her back.

Draped around the room drying were her under-clothing stockings and dress.

The police said that Grondine had done a good job of laundering.

TOOK "PEPPY" PILLS

Grondine, who is an attendant at a New York hospital, told the police that he killed Elaine "because she

liked to take too many of the pills I got for her at the hospital. "She said they made her feel peppy."

The police said that the pills were thyroid extract tablets.

Grondine said that they argued. Then he got the hatchet from the kitchen and struck her many times. He undressed her, carefully washed her clothes, and departed for the dance.

He told police his first intention was to cut up the body and send it to her home in a pickle barrel.

PRINCE IN LEGION— SECRET

Not even the closest friends of Prince Aly Khan knew that the twenty-nine-year-old heir to the richest and most powerful ruler in the East, the Aga Khan, is serving in the famous French Foreign Legion in Syria.

The Princess Aly Khan, formerly the Hon. Mrs. Loel Guinness, is in Cairo, and the first news of the Prince's decision to fight for the Allied cause in Syria came in a letter from the Princess to her sister, the Countess of Cadogan.

"I had a letter from the Princess the other day," the Countess of Cadogan told a reporter "and in it she told me of the Prince's decision. We knew, of course, that, with war a reality, he would want to make his contribution to the cause, but he kept his plans a secret.

The Prince is serving as a second lieutenant.

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"WITCH" TRIAL IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A piece of rope woven and "treated" by a witch-doctor, the contents of a witch-doctor's bag, and a broken piece of a clay pot come into the story.

And it will be told to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council—the highest tribunal of the Empire.

The committee will hear the appeal against sentence of death of Chief Fakisandhla Nkambule, a subordinate chief of Swaziland, in East Africa.

This dusky, many times married, Zulu chief was sentenced for procuring the murder of one of his wives, his brother, and the wife of his brother.

GAVE THEM POISON

While at No. 10, Downing-street, the Cabinet may be meeting to make war plans, a few steps further down the street this picture will be reconstructed:—

On the night of September 11, 1937, a score of Zulus sat in a semi-circle round a camp fire at Buseleni, in the district of Mankalana.

Then, it is alleged, Nhloko Hlatshwako, a native doctor, handed round some harmless medicine until he came to the three people who were to be killed. He gave them poison under the guise of medicine.

Chief Fakisandhla Nkambule was not present at the ceremony, but it is alleged that afterwards he got in touch with the witch-doctor to reward him with money and cattle for what he had done.

CURE FOR DREAMS

The trial, in October 1938, lasted three days, and the Zulu chief was sentenced to death.

It was alleged at the chief's trial that he instigated a "medicine man" to administer poison to the three people, because he suspected them of killing his daughter, who had died some time previously.

Chief Fakisandhla Nkambule, however, maintained that he had nothing to do with procuring the murders.

The "medicine" for which he had asked, he declared, was the performance of the ceremony of "Luzego," to cure him of dreams.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOT OF DIRTY LINEN TO WASH, M.P. SAYS

"The public thinks that there is a good deal of dirty linen which wants washing at the Ministry of Supply."

So said Captain A. H. M. Ramsay in the House of Commons when Members wanted to know the inside story of the sacking of Mr. David Behar, Mr. Robert Behar, and Captain C. P. Davis.

Mr. Herbert Morrison was very curious. Were they sacked for something that happened while they were at the Ministry, or before? If before, why were they taken on at all? And did the Minister know that two of the men were prospective Conservative candidates for Parliament?

Mr. Burgin's reply was that nothing was said against the officials' conduct while they worked at the Ministry.

Sir Percy Harrie, mentioning the "publicity and advertisement" given to the sackings, asked if the country wasn't equally entitled to know the reasons?

But Mr. Burgin denied that the Ministry or the Government had given the affair any publicity.



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BLACK-OUT BLOCKADE

(By A Military Correspondent)

HITLER'S MOST effective weapon is his tongue. Neither the German army, nor the U-boats, nor Hitler's great air force have brought him, in actual battle, such large gains as his wordy threats to bomb us. This blackmail will cost us in a full year more than a thousand million pounds. A.R.P. expenses are £300,000 a day. The bill for evacuation is £36,000 a day. The black-out slows up factory output, even the output of aircraft. All this increases the cost of production.

So far this has been a war of two blockades. Our blockade of Hitler, and Hitler's blockade of us. In this phase Hitler's strategy is to compel us (1) to waste our energies; (2) to disperse them.

By attacking a few fishing smacks Hitler imposes on us the duty of providing guns for all sea-going craft. By mine and U-boat action he compels us to build extra flotilla craft to protect convoys. On actual patrol, by sea and air, our expenditure is immense. All this is part of the enemy's deliberate design.

There are three ways of dealing with the raiding bomber. (1) Anti-aircraft fire; (2) attack him with fighters; (3) retaliate by bombing his bases. This week's air fighting affords valuable lessons on all three methods.

The anti-aircraft gunners have made a poor showing. At Scapa Flow they blazed away at a dozen German targets for an hour and a half. They failed to bring one aircraft down. All the gunners could do was to drive the raiders so high that though they dropped ten tons of bombs, none of these could be aimed with precision. Meantime, our fighters could not get at the raiders for fear of being hit by our own gun-fire from the ground.

At Sylt the German anti-aircraft gunners put in nearly seven hours' shooting. It seems they shot down one British bomber. On this occasion the bombers simply defied the batteries on the ground, flying up and down the quays and wrecking them at will.

The German fighters went up, according to German custom, despite their own anti-aircraft fire. They did not go in force, however, and had no success. The German fighters seldom do go up at night. They have such high landing speeds that they find it hard to get down again safely on their airfields in the dark.

Airplanes are very tough birds. They can stand an immense amount of punishment. A German machine came down in France the other day. She had 25,000 bullet-holes in her.

Many an airplane comes whistling home, whistling like a tin whistle band, as the wind rushes through the bullet holes. When this happens it is no easy job to handle the airplane, for the whole of her aerodynamics is altered, and she darts and lurches about quite unaccountably.

A British pilot returned recently from a reconnaissance flight over South Germany. His rudder was sheared clean through, his landing gear was shot away, and altogether his ship closely resembled a sieve. When he pancaked her down at last the aircraft fell to pieces with the impact of landing. But he had flown her about 200 miles in that riddled state.

Another remarkable feature of the new military reconnaissance aircraft is their long-distance capacity. They will fly 16 hours on reconnaissance or patrol, perhaps the great part of the time in a black-out, and return to their base. We should marvel even more at the staying power of the men who fly them.

The Germans are well aware of our flights, both when we drop pamphlets and when we drop bombs. Flying over Munich the other night one of our pilots picks up the radio message from the ground, "All okay. Come on down." To which he politely replies, "Not to night, sweetheart!" and passes on his way.

Swooping over Pilzen, south of Prague, and the giant Skoda armament works there the pilot sees them ablaze with light. We do not seem to have blackmailed Hitler into having a general black-out.

Returning home after visiting Poland, the pilot produces a few undelivered pamphlets in Polish. "Oh! What do they say?" inquires a curious gentleman at the hangar. "Why they say, 'Dear Poles! Here we are at last!' answers our young pilot with a grin.

R.A.F. PILOT TO MARRY IN CAPTIVITY

Phyllis Clitheroe, a Birmingham girl, is going to Belgium to marry Pilot-Officer Charles Kempster, one of the twelve British prisoners of war in Belgium.

He has been granted a marriage licence, says the Associated Press, and now, at a port near the Dutch frontier, where he is interned, he impatiently awaits her arrival.

Pilot Officer Kempster and Miss Clitheroe were to have been married in January, but ten days before their wedding day his plane was forced down.

Returning from a reconnaissance flight his plane was attacked by five German fighters, who forced him over Belgian territory.

Belgian anti-aircraft fire forced him down, and in landing the plane struck an electricity power cable and burst into flames.

Pilot-Officer Kempster escaped with slight injuries, but his gunner was killed.

On the day they were to have married Miss Clitheroe saw her fiancé in a news reel of the gunner's funeral.

The number of British airmen taken on Belgian soil is now seventeen, but five escaped some time ago, and are now back in the R.A.F.

CURED BY RIDICULE

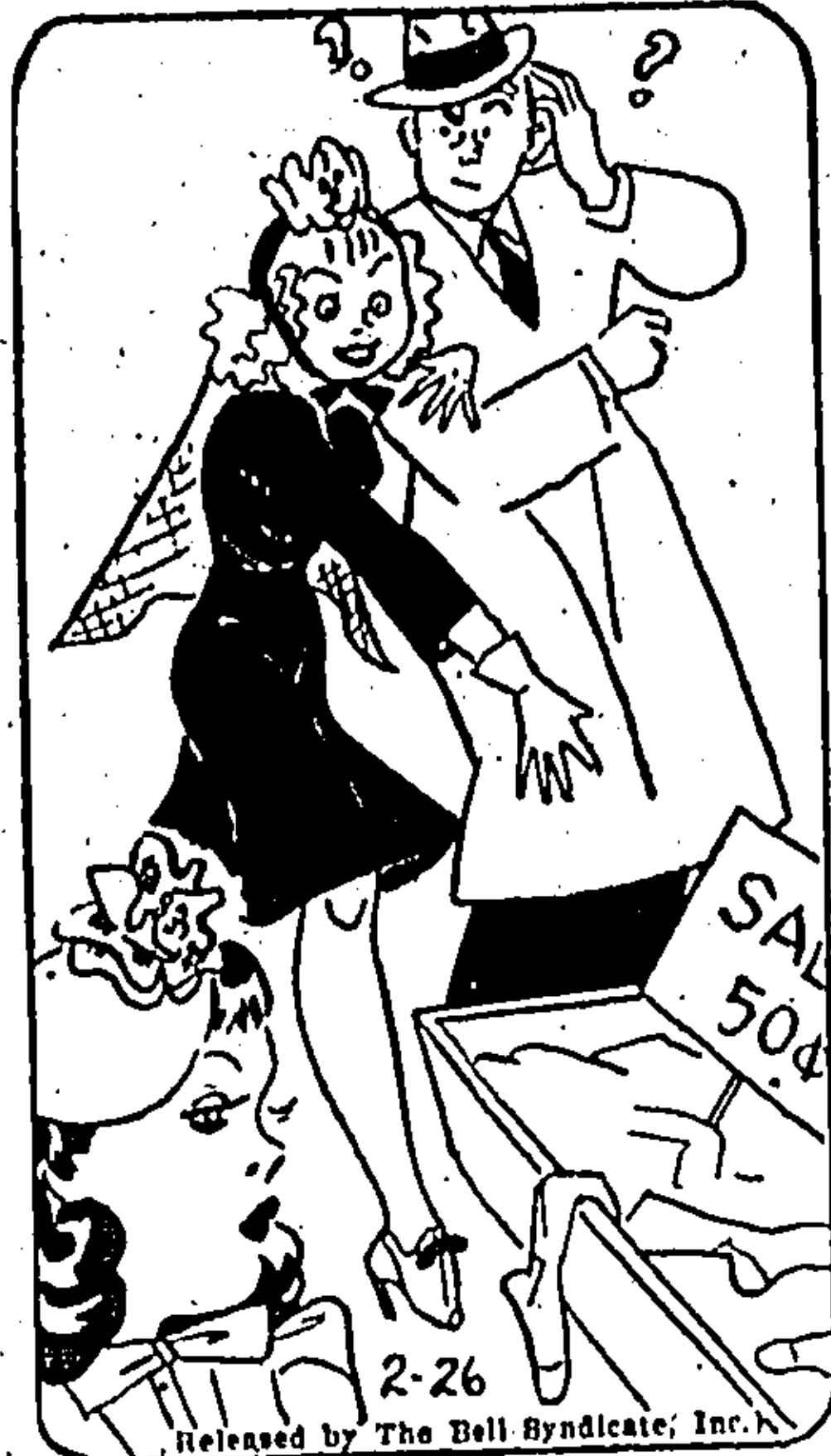
A colonial governor, whose favourite penalty for the recalcitrant headhunters of Papua was to make them take long walks with him through the forests to outlying posts, died recently at Port Moresby, Papua.

He was Sir John Hubert Plunkett Murray, aged seventy-eight, Britain's veteran colonial governor.

Sir John stood 6ft. 3in., and was extremely energetic, so that the walks became a real punishment. Ridicule, he found, was a better deterrent than hanging.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. The cross rate London/New York London £—U.S.\$852-7/8.



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau says life is just one sock after another he means he's having difficulty finding hose that will wear.

TRUE BLUE AGAIN

Following are the results of the Jan Trophy Race held by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 20 miles:

	Finished Pos.
True Blue (L. Garner).....	1.41.35 1
Artemis (G. G. Wood).....	1.46.36 2
Gull (Capt. A. O. G. Mills).....	1.49.04 3
Maurcen (C. F. Hyde).....	1.53.31 4
Tyrone Chal (B. Herschand).....	1.59.20 5
Guri (J. Johnson).....	2.27.17 6
Joss.....	D.N.F.

DENMARK RESTIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY. REPORTS FROM DENMARK STATE THAT THE POPULATION IS ILL-RESIGNED TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION WHICH IN MANY RESPECTS RESEMBLES THE REGIME ESTABLISHED BY THE NAZIS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, THOUGH THE TROOPS HAVE RECEIVED DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID ANY BRUTALITY.

The German authorities have confiscated all banking accounts belonging to foreigners.

The food situation will soon become critical since Denmark no longer receives the raw products necessary for agricultural production. — Havas.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1400 b.
INSURANCES
H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b.
SHIPPING
H.K. Steamboats \$10½ b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$21.60 b., \$22 s., \$21.90 sa.
H.K. Docks Ex. Rts. \$19.35 b.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. and S. Hotels \$5 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$17.65 b.
Yaumati Ferries \$25¼ sa.
China Lights (Old) \$7.90 b.
H.K. Electrics \$65¼ b.
Macao Electrics \$21 b.
Telephones (Old) \$28 b., \$28¼ sa.
Telephones (New) \$10 b.

STORES, & C.
Dairy Farms \$21¼ b.
Watsons \$9.20 b.
Lane, Crawford's \$7¼ b.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$1 b.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$6.80 b.

LAST DAY'S SALES
100 Docks C. Rts. @ \$21.90
52 Docks X Rts. @ \$19.45
100 Yaumati Ferries @ \$25¼
100 Telephones (Old) @ \$28¼
MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. 12½ b.
Atoks Ps. 16 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. 20 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .009 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.25 b.
Big Wedge Ps. 17½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .08½ sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .003 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .09½ sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .09½ sa.
I.X.L. Ps. .32 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .09½ sa.
Itogons Ps. 21½ b.
Masbates Ps. .09 sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09 sa.
Mine Operation Ps. .09 b.
North Camarines Ps. .05 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 17½ sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .66 b.
Surigao Consol. Ps. 18½ sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 12½ sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .017 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .24 b.

TRADE LOST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Havana, Yesterday. Herr Hessinger, German consul at Santiago de Cuba, is trying to transfer the cargo on the Danish ship Helga on board a German or Italian vessel.

The Helga's cargo includes 63 motorcars and five tractors. She was on the way from New York to South America when she received instructions from Copenhagen to go to Cuba following the occupation of Denmark. — Havas.



Wake Up with A Smile!

This isn't just another day for her—it is the promise of twenty four hours of life. Sound sleep has brought refreshing rest and she awakens eager to be up and about.

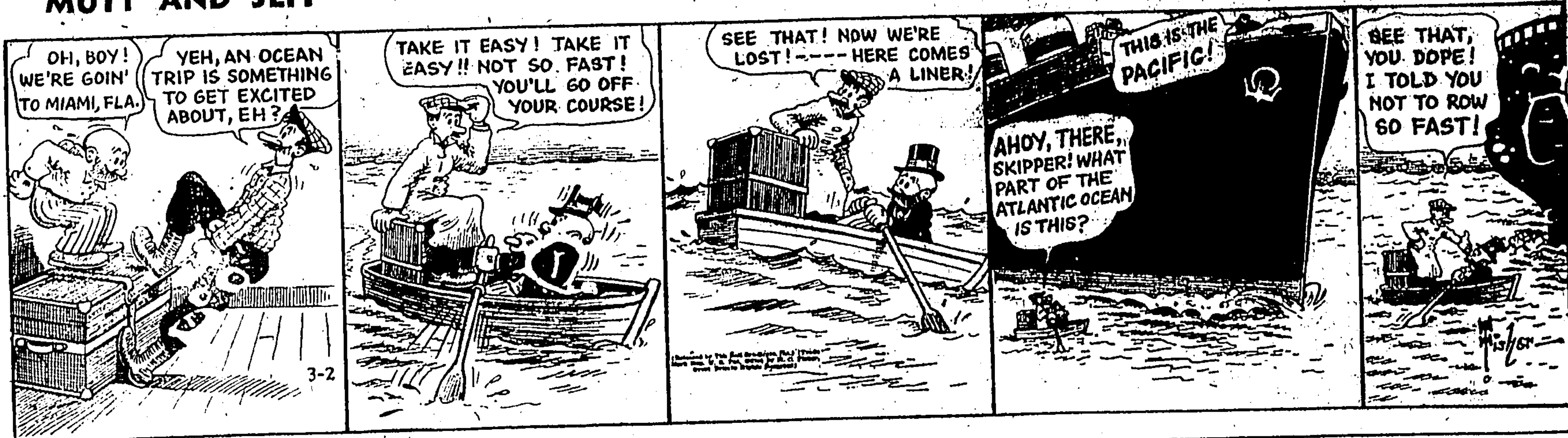
How do you greet the day?

The radiant health which enables you to wake up with a smile can only be enjoyed when the blood is pure, rich and plentiful for it is from the blood that all the nerves, muscles and

innermost cells of every organ and tissue of the whole body derive the nourishment necessary to perform their functions.

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Studio
Saxophone
Recital

6.00 p.m.—“For the Children”.
Rag Doll (Brown)...New Mayfair
Novelty Orchestra.
Studio—Story for Tiny Tots by
Aunt Susan
Medley of Songs from Shirley Tem-
ple Pictures. Intro: On the Good
Ship Lollipop; Baby take a Bow;
The Right Somebody to Love and
Early Bird...Mae Questal (the
Betty Boop Girl) with Orchestra.
Studio—First installment of new
serial by Aunt Susan.
Cuckoo in the Clock (Mercer)...
The Merry Macs (Vocal) with In-
strumental accomp.
Swanee River...Frank Luther and

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

The Lyn Murray Quartet.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.32 p.m.—Vocal Gems and Selections
from Light Opera.
“The Student Prince”—Vocal Gems
(Romberg)...Light Opera Com-
pany with Orchestra.
“The Student Prince”—Selection
(Romberg)...Savoy Orpheans.
“The Beggar’s Opera”—Selection
(Gay-Austin)...The Regimental

Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards
cond. by Capt. George Miller.
“The Chocolate Soldier”—Vocal
Gems (Straus)...The Columbia
Light Opera Company with Orch.
Illustrated by records.

7.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk on “Ballet”
illustrated by records.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This week’s programmes.

8.07 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital
by Palapo with Nura Kanis at the
Piano.

1. Sonata No. 3 (Handel).
2. Andante (from Concerto in E
Minor—Gurewich).
3. Rigaudon (Rameau).

8.27 p.m.—London Palladium Orches-
tra with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

9.00 p.m.—Military Band Music.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay — “Under
Nazi Rule”.

9.45 p.m.—Grand Variety Programme.
Fox-Trots—They Can’t Black-Out
the Moon; Goodbye, Sally... Jay
Wilbur & His Band with Vocal
Chorus by Sam Browne.

Humorous Sketch — Sandy the
Farmer (Wise)... Sandy Powell
and Company.

Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley
No. R. 10. Intro: I’m in the Mood
for Love; Everything’s been done
before; Dancing Time; In the Mid-
dle of a Kiss; Cheek to Cheek; My
Blue Heaven... Charlie Kunz.

Vocal—A Place in Your Heart (Cos-
low); The Very Thought of You
(Noble)... Sam Coslow (Tenor)
with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Hullabaloo; Plain Jane
Ambrose & His Orchestra.

Comedienne—We’ll All Go Riding
On A Rainbow (film ‘Aunt Sally’);
If I Had Napoleon’s Hat (film
‘Aunt Sally’)... Cicely Court-
neidge with Orchestra.

Orch. & Vocal—Ninon (film ‘A Song
for You’); Love, For Ever I Adore
You (de Michell)... Reginald
King & His Orchestra with Cavan
O’Connor (Tenor).

Fox-Trot—Little Boy Bubbles...
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Vocal—Julius Caesar (Rogers); Six-
ty Seconds Got Together (Living-
ston, David)... The Mills Brothers

(Four Boys and a Guitar).
Waltz—Hawaiian Love; Fox-Trot—
A ekoki... Noi Lane’s Hawaiian
Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Humorous — Sandy Powell’s Road
Show... Sandy Powell and Com-
pany with Eddie Bowers (Mouth
Organ); Harold Mees (Impersona-
tions); Jimmy Fletcher (Vocal)
and the Strolling Players.
Orch.—Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—
Medley... Debroy Somers Band
with Vocal Chorus.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

KHALSA ASSN. HOLD ATHLETIC MEET

The majority of the Sikh community were
present at the Indian Recreation Club yes-
terday, when the Khalsa Diwan Association
held their first athletic meet.

At the conclusion of the meet the prizes
were presented by Mrs. B. Singh, wife of
the president of the Association.

Results are as follows:

150 Yards (Boys under 15):—1. Rattan
Singh; 2. Pritam Singh; 3. Attar Singh.

400 Metres (Boys 18 and under):—1. K.
Singh; 2. Sirvan Singh; 3. Gopal Singh.
Time: 60.5 secs.

100 Yards (Boys 10 and under):—1. Karim
Singh; 2. Bucham Singh; 3. Pritam Singh.
(Handicap, 12 and under):—1. Kartal Kor;
2. B. Kor; 3. J. Kor.

50 Yards Egg and Spoon Race:—1. Purin
Singh; 2. Ramjan Singh; 3. Herajan Singh.

50 Yards (Three-legged Race):—1. Iqbal
Singh, and Iqbal Singh, 2. Gursav Singh and
Nanpal Singh.

100 Yards (Three-legged Race):—1. Gaba-
chan Singh and Jigar Singh; 2. Gapul Singh
and Balwant Singh.

One Mile (Open):—1. Dulip Singh; 2. La-
kah Singh; 3. Sardara Singh. Time: 5 mins.
4 secs.

100 yards (Handicap, Committee Mem-
bers):—1. Myla Singh; 2. Orjan Singh; 3.
Barban Singh.

Half-mile (Open to Indian students):—1.
Kahn Mahomed; 2. Chaman Singh.

Shot-Put (18 lbs.):—1. Naranjan Singh;
2. Kartal Singh. Distance: 36 ft. 6 ins.



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EASY TO COUNT

To-day’s hand is the type that we
feel certain would be made by any
first-class player. At a contract of
three notrump, South has eight top
tricks in sight. However, the dis-
tribution of the East and West hands
is of such a freakish nature that at
first glance it appears as though the
ninth trick would prove elusive. But
the very freakishness of the hand
made it easy for our astute Declarer
to count his opponents’ distribution,
and thus paved the way for the need-
ed extra trick.

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ 7 6 3
♥ J 6 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ K 7 6
♠ 8 5 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 8
♠ 9 4
♥ Q 10 9 8
♦ 3 2
♣ J 9
♠ A J
♥ A K 7 4
♦ K Q 6 5
♣ A 3 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♠ Dbl.
Pass 2♦ 2NT
Pass 3NT Pass Pass
Pass

West opened a spade (East’s bidding
was somewhat justified by his freak
two-suiter), and South captured East’s
Queen with the Ace. Declarer’s next two
plays brought him
considerable information. He first played
the King of diamonds
and noted that East
was void; then laid
down the Ace of
hearts, which provided
him with the know-
ledge that East held six hearts.

Now it was necessary only to find
out whether East held five or six
spades. Hence, South cashed his two
top clubs. When East followed to both
rounds, it became practically a cer-
tainty that his original holding con-
sisted of six hearts, five spades and
two clubs.
Declarer’s next move should be
obvious. He played the Jack of
spades, whereupon East ran off four
tricks. Of course East was then forced
to lead a heart and dummy’s Jack
furnished Declarer with his game-
going contract.

You were Merwin Maier’s partner
Saturday. Both sides were vulnerable
and you held:

♠ 10 x x x
♥ x x
♦ J x x
♣ J x x x
The bidding:
Burnstone You Schenken Maier
Pass Pass Pass 4NT
Pass (?)


ANSWER: Bid five clubs. Your
partner’s four-notrump was a con-
ventional bid commanding you to take
out in your best suit. He assumes
full responsibility.
Score 100% for five clubs, 0 for
pass.

QUESTION NO. 384

You are Howard Schenken’s part-
ner to-day and hold:

♠ 10 x
♥ K J x x
♦ A 10 x x
♣ A J x
The bidding:
Jacoby You Burnstone Schenken
1♠ Dbl. 2♠ Pass
4♣ Pass Pass Pass

What do you lead? (Answer
Monday.)
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LAI WAH CUP

ARMY PLAY WELL BUT
BEATEN BY CHINESE*Winners' Positional Changes Have Effect*BRIGHT GIVES GOOD
DISPLAY AS PIVOT

By "REFEREE"

THOUGH ARMY LOST THE Lai Wah Cup final to the Chinese by three goals to one on the Club ground yesterday they gave a much better performance than they have ever done this season and at one time looked liked causing a surprise.

In the second half several positional changes in the Chinese team brought the desired effect. Chan Tak-fai took over the centre forward berth with Lee Wai-tong playing at inside left and Fung King-cheong going to his usual position.

These changes threw additional work on Bright, who had then to look after Chan Tak-fai and also Lee Wai-tong.

With the exception of Tse Kam-hung, the Chinese team was represented by South China players, while Army made several last minutes changes. Sheehan and Wilkinson were absentees and their places were taken by Guy, at back, and Birrell, at left half.

The rain which fell greatly assisted the Army players and the Chinese could not indulge in their usual play.

DUNCAN SAFE

Duncan brought off several good and daring saves during the game while Naysmith and Guy did well at back.

In the intermediate line, Bright was outstanding with his tackling, but found the pace difficult in the closing stages.

In the forward line Fox did not have many opportunities, but Hossack on the right wing did well.

The Chinese team were hard pressed at the start but in the second half, on the drying ground, they were able to indulge in their usual play and were dangerous during an attack.

Ip Pak-wah and Lee Wai-tong in the second half were impressive while Chan Tak-fai in the leader's berth was always a danger.

ARMY TAKE LEAD

Army took the lead from a penalty by Hossack and held this lead till the interval. In the second half Lee Wai-tong scored from a free kick outside the penalty area and a few minutes later Chan Tak-fai placed his side in the lead. Soong Ling-sing scored the third goal.

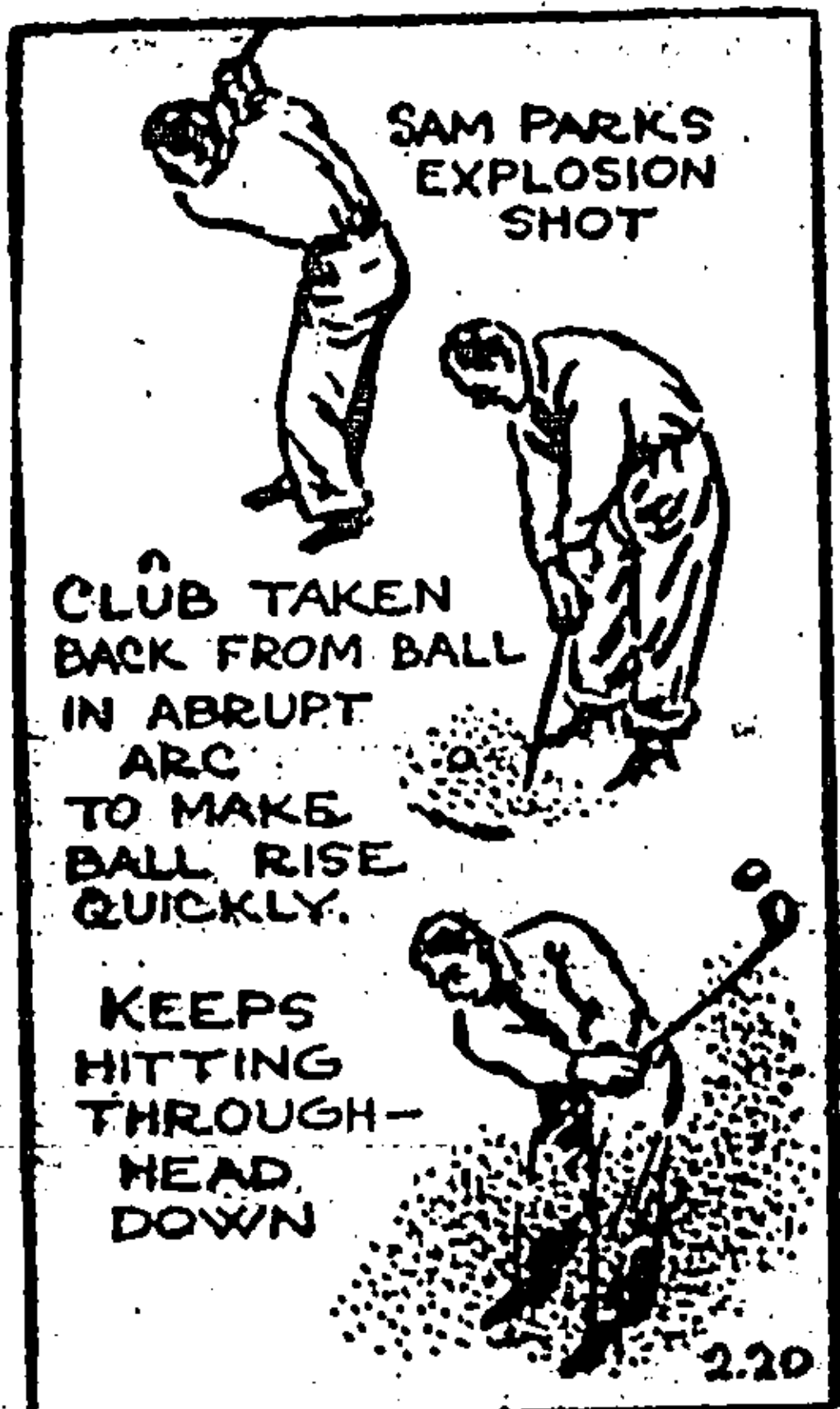
At the conclusion of the game the

cup was presented to the winning team by Mrs. A. E. Grasett.

Chinese:—Tam Kwan-kon; Hau Yung-sang, Li Tin-sang; Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-chiu, Tse Kam-hung; Tang Kwong-sam, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Fung King-cheong and Ip Pak-wah.

Army:—Duncan; Naysmith, Guy; Freshwater, Bright, Birrell; Hossack, Gordon, Fox, Fleming and Duffield.

GRAPHIC GOLF

FIRMNESS DOES IT
BY BEST BALL

Explosion shots offer a double hazard to the average golfer. In addition to the actual physical handicap, there is the mental one of indecision to overcome. The inexperienced player is inclined to shy away from making a determined effort to get the ball out, when in reality just such an effort is desirable. To offset this the golfer must make a double effort to be firm; firm in his efforts to swing as well as he knows how and firm in his stance and grip on the club.

Embed the feet well down in the sand so that there will be no danger of slipping on the loose top layer, then raise the club more abruptly than usual. This will give a more upright swing, a factor that plays an important part for the club can descend more vertically to the spot in the sand already picked out in advance and then dig into it emphatically. At address keep the hands slightly ahead of the ball with the clubface open and do not be sparing of wrist action. This will help in raising the ball as the clubhead cuts through the sand underneath. Try to drive the clubhead deeply into the sand, making sure the head remains still so that there will be no halting movement which might slow its progress. Sam Parks' above affords an excellent illustration of the correct technique.

Next Article. — The Upswing.

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN
RETROSPECT

THE ladies' hockey season wound up on Saturday with the annual Winners v Rest matches. Something of a surprise was caused in the senior game

Caer Clark Cup

as "Y" Ladies, who were sadly depleted in all departments, played as if inspired to beat the strong Rest team by the odd goal in three.

None of the utility players in the "Y" team failed and, from this point of view, apart from satisfaction at achieving the unexpected, "Y" have every reason to look forward to their coming season with confidence.

Mrs. Dudley, after an absence of the entire season, played well and it was difficult to appreciate her enforced inactivity.

Miss Buchanan, who was also out of the game for a lengthy period during the middle of the season, played very hard and made some good runs down the wing. Her goal, which gave "Y" the match, was a fitting culmination to her untiring efforts.

Mrs. Violet Bradbury, who was the most successful "Y" player in the Brawn Cup competition, proved her worth in more august company and has no reason to be dissatisfied with her display.

The strength of the winning team lay in their inside forwards, Mrs. Macklin, Miss Dorothy McCaw and Miss B. Harker, who were a continual source of danger when in possession. It says much for the efficacy of their methods that they were able to score two goals against a defence in such good form as The Rest's.

For the Rest, a potential Interport full-back combination in Mrs. Margaret White and Miss G. White created a very fine impression. Their fine covering, accurate stickwork and powerful clearances relieved their line on many occasions.

The half-back line was adequate but the forwards were weak, Miss F. Wong and Miss G. Marr being the only members of the attack to impress.

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THANKS to the magnificent efforts of Miss S. Gehring, Miss M. Stokes and Miss P. Lang, in the Rest intermediate-line, Argonauts

Brawn Cup

suffered their first defeat of a most successful debut season.

The above-mentioned players completely disorganised the usually smooth moving Argonauts' forward-line and, on the few occasions that the losers overcame the obstacle presented by this trio, they found Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Trimmer very sound and Miss C. Silva, in goal, also in good form.

Argonauts appeared to be rather overawed by the occasion and were never as impressive as they have been in most of their League matches.

As ever Miss N. Silva, their pivot, was not found wanting, but she could not get the side together. Miss Mathins gave a fine display on the right wing, but, having regard to the constant watch Miss Lang kept over her, she was fed rather more than she should have been.

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THE season, just concluded has been a successful one and little complaint can at present be found with the standard now prevailing in local ladies' hockey.

ONLY three cricket games were played on Saturday and C. Pope was easily the outstanding batsman with 94, while his Club mate, Lewis did well with the ball to take six wickets for 12 runs.

Cricket

Following were the leading performances:—

BATTING

C. Pope (P.R.C.)	94
L. G. Gosano (Rest)	49
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	40
A. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	34
N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)	32

BOWLING

J. Lewis (P.R.C.)	6 for 13
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	5 for 27
J. M. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5 for 30
G. Guterres (Recreio)	3 for 34

COMBINED Chinese won the Lai Wah Cup competition when they defeated Army in the Final. Army played well and the game was worth watching, being played at a fast rate.

Soccer

Sporting spirit prevailed on both sides and spectators were well satisfied.

The official closing day of the local football season has been fixed for next Sunday when the usual game—Champions against the Rest—will be played but there are many clubs who have still several games outstanding.

It was erroneously stated that 30th, Royal Artillery, had won the runners-up title of Second Division by virtue of their win over Engineers on Saturday.

Royal Artillery have only won the first game at home, and will meet Engineers again on the latter's ground some time during the week.

Unable to raise a side during the week, St. Joseph's had more players than necessary against Kowloon and won by 4 goals to 1. Kowloon have been hard hit by injuries and fielded a poor side.

Pereira, at inside-left, played a good game for Saints while Leonard seemed very much at home at back.

Five goals by Fowler enabled Club to beat Police, who are now at the bottom of the League table.

Club fully deserved their win as they had a good side out.

WITH the Lawn Bowls League commencing in a fortnight's time Clubs were busy preparing for the season and several games were played on Saturday.

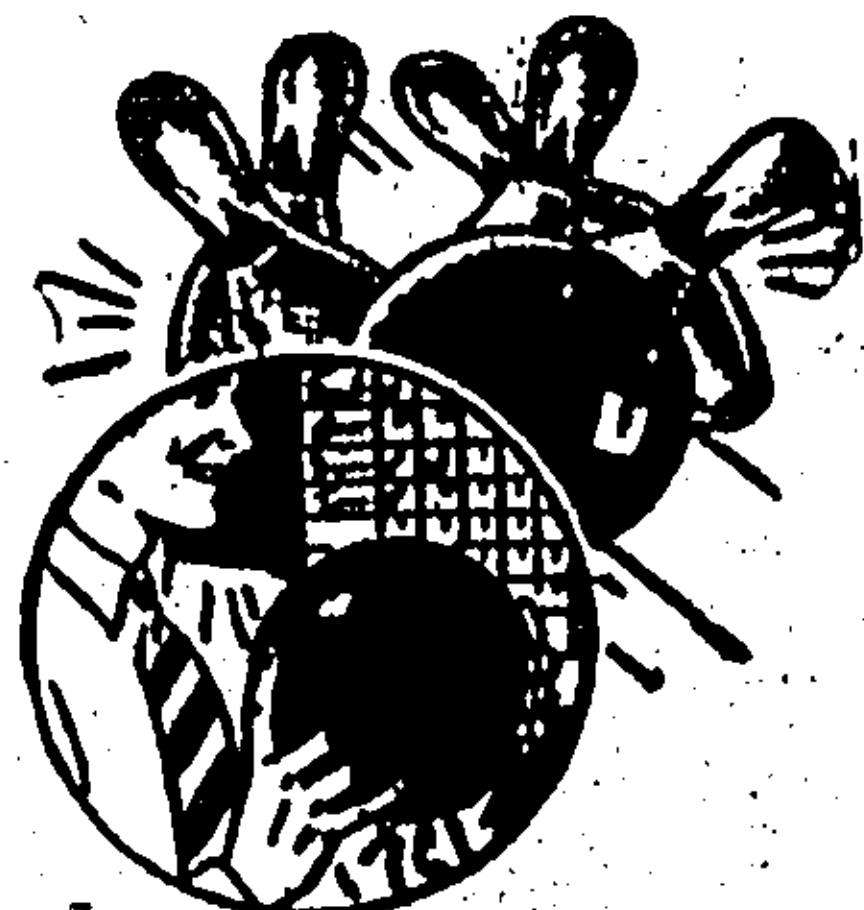
At Recreio six rinks of visitors were entertained and the home team won easily by 33 shots, C. G. Silva's rink scoring a possible and F. X. Silva's a seven.

Hong Kong Football Club won the first game of the Valley Cup when they defeated Civil Service by three shots.

An intra-club game was played at Kowloon Cricket Club while at Chatham Road, Kowloon Football Club were at home to Kowloon Docks.

GUNNERS CUP
FINAL

The Final of the Artillery Football Cup competition will be played this afternoon at Sookunpo at 4.30 p.m.

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KEEN COMPETITION IN H.K.V.D.C. ANNUAL SHOOT

THE ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps was held yesterday at Kowloon City. About 300 officers and men participated in the shoot and competition was keen.

Some good results were recorded and L/Sgt. H. M. Remedios did well to capture the Musketry Competition.

Col. V. M. Hammond, who tied, was given second place.

In the Corps Championship, Lieut. C. Austin won the first prize with a score of 64 points out of the highest possible of 70.

Four crack shots of No. 1 Machine Gun Company won the Blake Shield in the team shoot. Their total was 183.

The shoot went off without a hitch and concluded on time although the events were commenced about 25

minutes behind schedule.

The following are the provisional results:—

MUSKETRY COMPETITION

1, L/Sgt. H. M. Remedios 57 points; 2, Cpl. V. M. Hammond 57.

FALLING PLATE

1, No. 5 Company, A Team; 2, No. 1 Company, B Team.

REVOLVER COMPETITION

L/Bdr. Tamsley 68.

FRANCIS CUP (CLASS A)

1, No. 6 Company 122 points. (L/Cpl. Xavier, Sgt. Baleros, L/Cpl. Pereira and Pte. Ribeiro); 2, Corps Signals 121 points. (Sgmn. U. Eu,

STEPHENS STILL IN HOSPITAL

J. L. Stephens, who fell heavily when taking a catch in the Police - Cragiengower cricket match on Saturday, is still detained in hospital, it was learned this morning. Extent of his injuries will not be known until an X-ray photograph is developed.

Yip, Salter and N. J. Booker).

FRANCIS CUP (CLASS C)

1, No. 6 Company — 109 pts. (Ptes. Sequeira, Noronha, Antonio and Castro); 2, No. 5 Company, (Ptes. Castro, Rosario, Gomes and Gosano).

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

Open Singles

S. A. Rumjahn v J. W. Leonard (Stand Court).

Club Championship

M. Pagh v D. M. MacDougall (8).

Handicap Doubles

N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (scratch) v R. C. Beavan and A. K. MacKenzie (—1/0) (3).

B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence (—4/0) v A. C. I. Bowker and A. H. Penn (+1/0) (4).

Lieut. C. Austin—64 points.

BLAKE SHIELD

No. 1 Company — 183 points. (Major H. Owen Hughes, Capt. R. M. Wood, Lieut. L. B. Holmes and Cpl. V. M. Hammond).

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GOLD FLAKE

CIGARETTES

RUSSIA REJECTS NAZI REQUEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
Press reports state that Count von Schulenburg, the German Ambassador in Moscow, asked M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, to allow German warships to use Murmansk and also the Murmansk-Leningrad railway.

M. Molotov is said to have refused, asserting Russia wished to remain aloof from the northern conflict.—Havas.

ODD FACTS IN GERMAN INTERNEE CASE

A case with strange features came before Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

Two Germans, from the Internment Camp, were charged with being vagrant in the Colony.

They were Askar Grosz, 35, and Walter Katz, 22.

Grosz pleaded guilty, while Katz told the Court that he had \$17.50 in Chinese money and \$8 in H.K. currency. He also had money in Shanghai.

Sergeant H. A. Taylor, of the Special Branch, told the Court

FRENCH COLONY GETS OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French Minister to Denmark, accompanied by the whole French colony in Copenhagen, has arrived here.

He confirmed that all British, French and Polish diplomatic staffs have now left Denmark, but other nationals of the three countries were compelled to remain behind, including a few newspaper correspondents.

Polish diplomats were allowed to leave Copenhagen only after their British and French colleagues declared they would not leave without them.

Then Danish Foreign Ministry facilitated the diplomats' departure.—Havas.

ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique stated that on several points of the front west of the Vosges enemy infantry units, supported by artillery, tried to force our lines.

They were repulsed and suffered losses.—Reuter.

that defendants were released from the Internment Camp on Saturday morning, and were later arrested on instructions.

He asked the Court to withdraw the charge against second defendant.

Grosz was ordered to be sent to the House of Detention!

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Seeing Is Believing ?

London, To-day.

Japan has been secretly building a vast fleet of super-dreadnoughts greatly exceeding the size of any British or American battleships in service, according to reliable information reaching naval and diplomatic circles in Washington, says the New York correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

"Japan is expected to announce a tremendous secret fleet soon. It was intended to spring it on the world as one of the biggest naval shocks in recent history, but now the information has leaked out in Tokyo," says the correspondent.

"Japanese naval construction has been kept secret for some time, though it was believed that they were building three, possibly four, battleships of between 40,000 and 50,000 tons, some of which would soon be ready for service."

"Now it is learned that Japan is rushing to completion certainly eight, possible twelve of these super-dreadnoughts."—Reuter.

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